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THREATS TO RUMANIA AND TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE FIRST DIRECT HINT of the long anticipated Soviet action in the Balkans is given in the review "Communist International," official organ of the Comintern.

The review, says a Moscow report, advocates the conclusion of a pact of mutual assistance between the Soviet and Rumania, patterned on the treaties imposed by the Soviet on the Baltic countries.

Demanding that Rumania abandon her allegiance to the bloc under Anglo-French guidance, the review launches a sharp attack on the Rumanian "persecution" of minorities.

"The condition of the Russian minority in Bessarabia," it says, "is such that it is possible the Soviet will have to rescue them."

In Berlin yesterday, the "Voelkischer Beobachter," official organ

of the Nazi Party, asks whether a Red drive in Asia Minor is possible in the near future.

However the Moscow "Communist International" suggests a Red expedition which is likely to be less trouble, namely, a drive into the Balkans.

ATTACK ON TURKEY

The newspaper also attacks Turkey for concluding the pact with the Allies, and describes it as a danger to Turkey's independence!

It hints that Bessarabia will be encouraged to "secede" from Rumania if King Carol declines to sign an agreement with Moscow.

Paris is comparing the tactics adopted by the Kremlin towards Rumania with those which formed the prelude to the attack on Finland.

The threats are not regarded as less important in view of the fact that they concern two countries, Rumania and Turkey, whom the Allies are pledged to assist.—Havas.

SOVIET CONCENTRATION IN CAUCASUS RUMoured

Paris, To-day. Reports reaching here alleged increasing concentration of Soviet troops in the Caucasus.

Rumours are current of impending Soviet action against Turkey, with German military aid.

These rumours are not altogether discounted in France in view of the threatening Communist manifesto towards Rumania and Turkey, and they are given added interest because of the strong Italian stand against Russian expansion in the Balkans.—Reuter.

ITALY'S LINK WITH HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Political circles here expect a considerable strengthening in the near future of relations between Hungary and Italy, which they say will result in very important political changes in Europe.

Authoritative information cannot be obtained but rumours of a military alliance between the two countries are current.

It is generally believed that Italy, probably with Germany's agreement, intends to help Hun-

ITALIAN WATCH ON BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Catholic press in Italy unanimously brands the Soviet aggression against Finland, and warns Italians to watch Soviet activities carefully.

The influential "Avenire d'Italia" declares: "The Mediterranean and Balkan countries must remain on guard."

"Italy has her eyes open and is silently preparing for any eventuality."

"The Soviet should know it is better for them not to dare an attack on any Mediterranean country."—Havas.

gary to establish a solid barrier against the Russian threat to the Balkans.

This bulwark against the Reds will be possible only after Rumania's relations with Hungary and Bulgaria have been cleared up. Both these countries hold important territorial claims against Bucharest.—Havas.

GERMANY THREATENS SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Further Nazi pressure against Sweden has apparently been applied, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende."

The correspondent reports Nazi official circles as declaring: "Sweden's pro-British policy can no longer be tolerated by the Reich."

First point in the Nazi plan seems to be to drive from office the Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr. Bandler.

The correspondent adds that other neutrals, notably the Netherlands and Belgium, have been notified that Germany will take steps "if they participate, even indirectly, in the British two-way blockade."—Havas.

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2. Captured Aviators in a British Hospital.
3. President of Finland, Kings of Denmark, Norway and Sweden joining for a conference on mutual war aid.
4. General Gamelin and General Viscount Gort inspect the Front.
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BRITAIN'S POLICY IN FAR EAST NOT CHANGED

London, To-day.

THE RELATIONS OF BRITAIN and Japan were the subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday. In reply to Mr. P. Noel-Baker, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that during the recent conversations between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, an informal exchange of views took place.

The informal talk covered relations generally and on the issues arising out of the position at Tientsin and other outstanding questions.

Mr. Noel-Baker asked whether Mr. Butler could say whether the question of the silver reserves at Tientsin was raised and whether the British Government still adhered to the principles they had previously announced.

Mr. Butler replied: "The question of the silver reserve presumably arose when various questions arising out of the position at Tientsin was discussed. I can assure the questioner that His Majesty's Government adheres to the principles they have previously enunciated." — Reuter.

MACKENSEN BIRTHDAY

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler and General von Brauschitch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, paid visits yesterday to General von Mackensen, the occasion being his 90th birthday.

The old general is best known for his smashing defeat of the Russian Army in Poland in 1915.—Reuter.

KING'S TOUR OF THE FRONT

London, To-day.

The King, on the second day of his tour of the western front yesterday, met men who have been in action against the enemy.

Among those introduced to him were several R.A.F. pilots, one of whom has downed a Heinkel bomber.

Later His Majesty inspected mass formations of troops, over which circled R.A.F. fighters and reconnaissance planes as a precaution against possible German attacks.

The King was again accompanied by General Viscount Gort, Major-General the Duke of Gloucester and Lt-Gen. Brook.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AIR MINISTER'S NEW TRIP

Brisbane, To-day.

The Australian Air Minister left for England yesterday in a specially chartered flying boat. He has recently been in Canada.—Reuter.

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Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

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Transportation of supplies from the coast is seriously handicapped.

Infantry and cavalry reinforcements from Yamchow are, however,

SOVIET IN INCIDENT WITH HUNGARY

Paris, To-day.

A border incident between Soviet and Hungarian troops is reported from Budapest.

Details are lacking, but it is stated that both sides of the frontier (the old Polish frontier) have been closed and that the Hungarian troops have been strengthened.—Reuter.

continuously moving inland.

Sharp fighting between the Chinese and the Japanese broke out on the wrecked Nanning-Pingyang Highway this morning in the neighbourhood of Pat-tong where the Japanese, strongly reinforced, have failed to dislodge the Chinese.

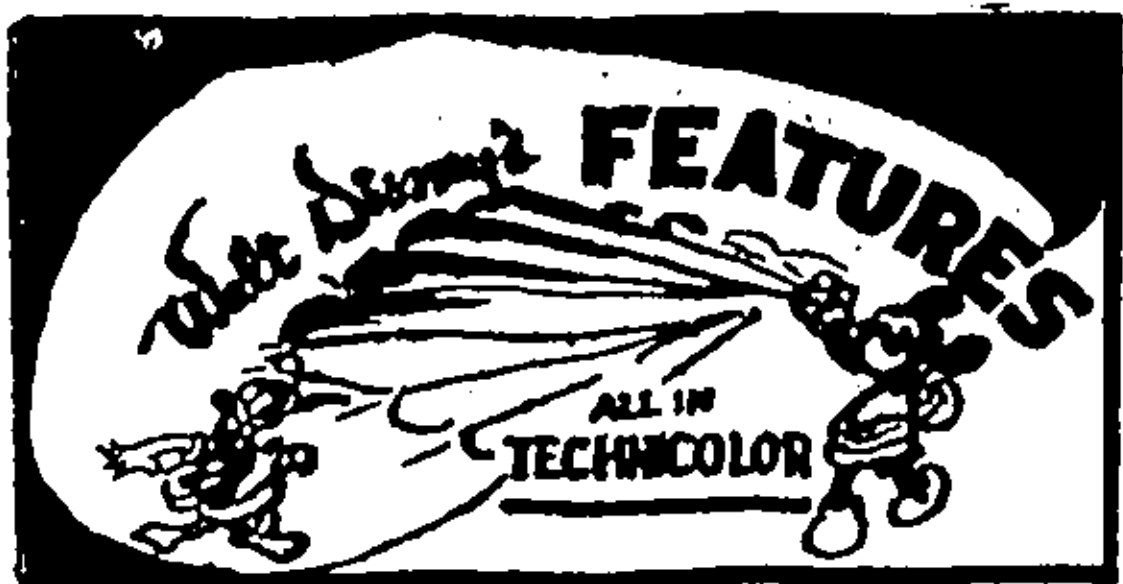
It is rumoured that a large Japanese force will shortly attempt a drive inland towards Wuchow and make contact with the troops along the West River.—Our Own Correspondent.

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NEW YORK CONSULAR DEATH SENSATION

New York, To-day.

Walter Engleberg, secretary of the German Consulate-General, was found dead in his Brooklyn house yesterday with his skull smashed.

There were signs of a struggle.

The police found enough supplies of food and wine in the house of Engleberg, who was undoubtedly murdered, to keep a man for a year.

They also found 18 packing-cases of dried and tinned food in the garage. — Reuter.

THE EXPERIENCES OF Mrs. Helen Swailes, who travelled from Hong Kong in the Terukuni Maru, and who escaped without difficulty in a lifeboat, are related in a message just received from London.

Mrs. Swailes is the wife of a naval officer and she was following her husband to England from the China Station when the Terukuni Maru struck the mine.

After the disaster, the survivors were taken to a London hotel and it was there that Mrs. Swailes met her husband.

As the hotel door opened and shut, writes a correspondent, weary figures came into the brightness from the gloom outside.

One of the first was a woman whose face was strained and tired. A man wearing a naval uniform who had been waiting in the lounge near me ran forward and shouted "Helen, Helen."

He threw his arms around her. They kissed and both sobbed with joy.

DOG WAS SAFE, TOO

Mr. Swailes, after his first joy, asked after Nutty. Nutty is a spaniel and a great pet.

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Swailes, whose face was still lighted up with smiles. "Nutty is safe. Came away in the lifeboat with me."

As Mr. and Mrs. Swailes left the hotel arm in arm many of the hotel staff watched them go and wished them luck.

That was one happy side to the second sea tragedy in a few days of which this hotel had seen the later scenes.

BIRD OF ILL OMEN

Passengers told me that some of them had not been easy since Joe, the bath steward, caught a falcon off Beirut and kept it on board.

"We did not like the idea of having a bird of prey on board," said one of the women to me. "Joe used to feed it with scraps every day, and although

ITALY AND AXIS

Rome, To-day.

Italian students held another anti-Soviet demonstration yesterday.

The Italian newspapers give great prominence to Lord Halifax's statement on Tuesday in the House of Lords, in which he emphasized the Nazis' responsibility for the Soviet aggression on Finland. — Reuter.

I am not superstitious I admit I did not like it. The falcon, I believe, perished with the ship."

"We felt a terrible shock," she said. "The whole ship reeled and turned half over. I rushed on deck and it was difficult to get out because of the list. There were shouts: 'Fetch your lifebelts, fetch your lifebelts.'"

"I ran to my cabin, but the key of the door had been flung out of my hand by the explosion and I could not open it. Another passenger, who must have known that every minute was precious, said he would fetch me a duplicate key, and he gave me those precious minutes and brought me a key."

"FELT QUITE SAFE"

"I grabbed my lifebelt, but did not take any clothes. I have nothing but what I stand up in. The lifeboats were launched and my lifeboat nearly turned over."

"The discipline aboard the ship was marvellous. Everyone was quiet and calm."

GERMAN PRESSURE ON HOLLAND

Berlin, To-day.

An officially inspired statement was issued here yesterday on the British two-way blockade and the reaction of neutrals.

The statement says: "Now that British and French warships have been ordered to enforce the confiscation of German exports, political circles may expect the governments behind neutral shipping to be no longer content with 'paper protests,' but to organise self-help to protect their trade."

Astonishment is expressed in Berlin that the Netherlands does not at present arm her merchantmen and organise her own convoys. — Reuter.

SIEGFRIED LINE MOVES ON BELGIAN FRONTIER: INFANTRY WITHDRAWN

GERMANS LIVING IN AACHEN (Aix-la-Chapelle) and all along the Belgian frontier, who until about a month ago were extraordinarily reticent, now speak much more openly about conditions in Germany.

The main reason for the change is the unhurried calm with which the Allies are prosecuting the war. This is deepening their conviction that Hitler is not in this case the dictator of events, as he was in his conquests of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

They are becoming nervous and curious and their confidence in the Fuehrer is waning.

The propaganda leaflet raids of British airmen are also puzzling them.

Instead of taking shelter when a British aeroplane passed so low over Aachen that the noise of the engine was heard like that of a motor-lorry climbing a steep hill, they tried, in

spite of having been forbidden, to get possession copies of the leaflet, which urged that the German Press should publish in full the last speech of Mr. Chamberlain.

YELLOW ARM-BANDS

Workers from the Siegfried Line, conspicuous in their brown uniforms with yellow arm-bands, are crowding into Aachen. They were sent on holiday and few will return as workers. They are to undergo two months' special training as army reservists.

Cafes have to remain open during the hours that soldiers are not drilling or working, and alcohol and beer are freely sold. If food is below the normal German level of quality it does not seem lacking in quantity.

Chicory and coffee are unobtainable. In their place are sold roasted and compressed figs which have a remarkable flavour.

The soldiers seen about Aachen all belonged to the infantry and the artillery. None was wearing the black uniform and black beret of the mechanised divisions.

PRISONS FULL OF SOLDIERS

It is said that prisons and barracks along the frontier are full of soldiers guilty of offences against discipline.

One of the frontier guards said that nearly all machine-guns and anti-tank guns, as well as the infantry manning them, have been withdrawn from their positions in front of the drying concrete in the Siegfried Line.

Frontier guards, armed only with rifles, have taken over their duties.

Rhineland recruits when off duty practise with pioneers assaulting concrete points. These exercises are often conducted in the dark with compasses.

Some strong points are still in course of construction. One will be finished next Saturday at Vogelsang, close to the Nazi leaders' school.

The frontier guard also said that the 26th Division of Cologne which has held the region behind the Siegfried Line since the beginning of September has been sent to the Saar front.

TROOPS MOVING SOUTH

Troops movements southwards have been going on for a whole week.

Two Army corps are stationed between Aachen and the Rhine and the German divisions which fought in Poland are billeted in Central Germany as reserves.

The only troops coming from Poland which are on the Siegfried Line are those which did not take part in the fighting.

Young German officers declare that the war will end with the decay of the British Empire because England is left to fight practically alone. It is significant to note that they added:

"As soon as a single French soldier crosses the Belgian border we shall immediately rush a mass of divisions into Belgium."

An older officer, who fought in the 1914 war, spoke, however, in quite a different tone.

EXPECTATION OF OFFENSIVE

"Before September," he said, "people in Germany believed in the possibility of a revolution caused by famine in case of war."

"They do not think so now because food is more abundant than was expected and, above all, because they realise from the executions that have been carried out for minor misdeeds that Herr Himmler, the Gestapo chief, and the strongest man of the Nazi regime, has taken measures instantly to crush any rising."

The man-in-the-street, typified by an old Prussian railwayman, gave his views.

"Hundreds of thousands of young men of the labour companies," he said, "are drilling to become army reservists, because the army is expected to start a big offensive against French fortifications in a few days."

"It is openly admitted among the infantry that the losses for such an enterprise must be estimated at 60 per cent of each battalion in action."



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SHANGHAI BUND INCIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.
An incident occurred on the waterfront this morning when a member of the Japanese river police, believed to be a Formosan, slapped Mr. W. N. Russell, an American attached to the United States Purchasing Office.

Mr. Russell was overseeing the transshipment of goods to the U.S.S. Luzon which is coming up river tomorrow.

The river policeman attempted to interfere with the Chinese coolies when Mr. Russell intervened.

The river policeman then slapped Mr. Russell, who grappled with him.

Two U.S. Marines who were guarding the cargo then intervened, and Japanese gendarmes and Municipal Police arrived on the scene.

The matter was temporarily settled and the cargo was delivered to the Luzon.—Reuter.

LABOUR AMENDMENT DEFEATED

London, To-day.
The Opposition amendment to the reply to the Royal Address was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by 303 votes to 125.

The amendment regretted the absence of proposals for organising to the full our human and material resources for an effective prosecution of the war, for the provision and maintenance of an adequate standard of life for all, and for a solution on a basis of social justice of the problems which will arise on the return of peace.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND CHINA

Chungking, To-day.
"Important questions of interest to both France and China were reviewed by M. Henri Cosme, the French Ambassador, and General Chiang Kai-shek in the course of a long and friendly interview held on Sunday morning," says an official announcement.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the Foreign Minister, was present at the interview.—Reuter.

JAPANESE REPULSED

Kwailin, To-day.
The Japanese at Kaofeng have been repulsed.

Fighting on the Nanning-Pingyang highway continues. Despite day and night bombardment, the Chinese hold their positions intact.

The Japanese are exerting efforts to repair the highways on the south bank of the Watkiang River without success, owing to extensive Chinese guerilla activity.—Central News.

"PAPER PROTESTS" TO ALLIES NOT SUFFICIENT

Berlin, To-day.
THE GROWING EFFECT of Allied economic measures on German trade, especially on exports, is emphasized in a warning to neutral countries given by Berlin yesterday.

In what was called "an authoritative statement to the foreign press," neutral countries are told that they can no longer make mere "paper protests" to the Allies. They "must take active measures against the seizure of German exports."

Another aspect of trade difficulties is given by an article, over the signature of one of the Reich's leading economic experts, in Field-Marshal Goering's paper "Four Year Plan."

The article admits the strangulation of German trade by the British Contraband Control. As in 1914-1918, England's power on the seas has brought Germany's overseas trade to a standstill.

German ships are in a hundred harbours and some have already been confiscated.

GOODS IN WAREHOUSES

Vast quantities of goods are stored up in German warehouses, the article continues, and German importers cannot either load or store goods which may arrive.

The position is grave, the writer declares, and he asks the Government for new capital and for exporters to be allowed to dismiss employees.

"The authorities must provide some other kind of business," the writer concludes.

This article may reflect the disagreement between Goering and the Reichsbank, which has refused to subsidise Germany's export trade.—Reuter.

PALESTINE DECREE

Jerusalem, To-day.

It is announced that persons who left Palestine during the recent disturbances are now permitted to return.

This does not include those who committed acts of violence or criminal offences, or against whom formal expulsion orders have been made. For these, there will be no immunity.—Reuter.

BOUNTY FOR CARS

Canberra, To-day.

The Australian Government is to encourage the manufacture of motor cars.

Bounties on the first 60,000 cars produced in the Commonwealth will be paid.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION TO CLEAR AIR

London, To-day.

Discussing Sir Samuel Hoare's statement on Tuesday, the "Daily Telegraph" says that it gave impressive figures of the present war output and of the great progress being made.

"The Times," however, says that no comparisons should be made between 1914 and 1939. The real question is:—How far are we advanced in supplies and organisation of economic policy as compared with 1917 or 1918? Expenditure is comparable with those years. Our economic policy is already comparable in principle; when will it be comparable in result?

EASING MINDS

Discussing the secret session of Parliament, most of the papers agree that it will enable important matters to be discussed without giving information to the enemy.

The "News Chronicle" is typical in its comment that by means of the secret session members will be able to get up and give out information which has come to their attention and which may be true or false.

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NAVY SMOTHERS U-BOAT MENACE: HIGH AVERAGE OF DESTRUCTION MAINTAINED

London, To-day.

THE DESTRUCTION of U-boats is proceeding in accordance with the estimate previously given, namely two to four a week, or faster than the Germans can replace them, said Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons yesterday.

"Last week," added Mr. Churchill, "I am inclined to think that certainly five met their fate from our flotillas or in operations by the Royal Air Force."

"These results are independent of those by the French Navy."

Mr. Churchill continued that over 1,000 merchantmen had been armed for defence, and before long there would be over 2,000 armed.

The Navy had lost hitherto 50,000 tons of warships, and we are building nearly 1,000,000 tons of warships much of which is in an advanced stage.

The efficacy of the Asdic method of detection of submarines was increasingly proved, and the ordeal to which U-boats were subjected would become ever more severe.

CONVOY SYSTEM

The convoy system was now in full operation. Very few ships were attacked in convoy, and less than one in 750 was sunk.

Convoys involved a certain definite loss of carrying power, but this loss was being steadily reduced by the institution of slow and fast convoys and appropriate measures, but a certain delay must always remain.

U-boats, said Mr. Churchill, prefer increasingly to attack ships of countries with whom they are at peace rather than those with whom they are at war.

"The figures are remarkable. British merchant ships sunk in October were half of what they were in September, and in November only two-thirds of what they were in October."

STRANGE KIND OF WAR

"Quite the contrary has been the case of neutrals. They lost half as much again in the second month as in the first, and double as much in the third month as in the second."

"It is a strange kind of warfare for the German Navy to engage in."

"When driven off the shipping of their declared enemy they console themselves with running amok among the shipping of neutrals."

COMPLETE GUARANTEE

"This should encourage neutrals to charter their ships to Great Britain for the duration, when they can be sure of making larger profits than they have ever made in peace and have a complete guarantee against loss."

Referring to mines, Mr. Churchill said that was about the lowest form of warfare that could be imagined.

It was the warfare of the Irish Republican Army, leaving bombs in the parcel office at a railway station.

The magnetic mine might perhaps be Hitler's much vaunted secret weapon.

MASTERY OF SEAS

Referring to German claims to the mastery of the seas, Mr. Churchill said Britain had begun the war with 21,000,000 tons of merchant shipping, out of which they had lost during three months about 340,000 tons.

Against this they had gained by the transfer from foreign flags, by prizes taken from the enemy and by new vessels building on a large scale,

by about 280,000 tons, leaving a net loss of about 60,000 tons.

For every thousand tons of British shipping sunk, 110,000 tons enter British ports.

"DREAD NAUGHT"

Losses on protecting warships of the Navy were necessarily heavier in proportion to those protecting the Mercantile Marine, as they ran greater risks because they had to seek enemy destroyers and submarines. In all these losses came to about 50,000 tons.

Nearly 1,000,000 tons of warships of all classes was being built at present, much of which was in an advanced stage.

Losses of warships during the first three months of the war in 1914 were more than double those now suffered.

Concluding, Mr. Churchill said their watchword should be "Carry on and dread naught."—Reuter.

COMMERCE RAIDERS

London, To-day.

Earlier in his speech Mr. Churchill stated that two German pocket battleships and certainly one other cruiser have been let loose in the North and South Atlantic, or near Madagascar, in the Indian Ocean.

He said that very great reinforcements of British hunting craft in home waters, already tripled since the beginning of the war, will come into service in 1940. — British Wireless.

BRITISH STEAMER MISSING

London, To-day.

The British steamer **Huntsman**, says an Admiralty announcement, is reported to be missing.

Of 8,186 tons, the **Huntsman** is owned by the Charente Steamship Company of Liverpool. She was built in 1921.

Meanwhile six of the crew of a Danish 8,500-ton steamer were drowned when the vessel struck a mine in the North Sea yesterday and sank.—Reuter.

Copenhagen, To-day.

It was the Danish steamer, **Ovetoft** (3,500 tons), which was mined in the North Sea.

Six were drowned and the remaining 15 crew were picked up. — Reuter.

LIGHT SWITCH OUT OF ORDER

Mr. H. F. Phillips, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was this morning cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for failing to carry front lights whilst driving in Nathan Road at 9.20 p.m. on November 10. Mr. Phillips stated that the light switch was out of order.

BRITISH SEIZURES OF CONTRABAND

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states: "On December 2, 80 neutral ships were in their contraband control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 47 had been there four days or less."

The total included 22 Dutch, 18 Swedish, 15 Norwegian, nine Danish, six Belgian, two Greek, two United States, two Panamanian, one Spanish, two Italian, one Rumanian and one Finnish.

During the week-ended December 2, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 110 ships which arrived since November 25 and the cargoes of 57 ships outstanding from the previous week.

The combined total of ships included 35 Italian, 27 Dutch, 21 Swedish, 19 British, 14 Norwegian, 11 Danish, 10 Belgian, six Greek, six United States, four Finnish.

Only one of a ship's entire cargo was seized, whilst the entire cargoes of 91 ships were released.

FORMAL CHECKING

The system under which advance copies of manifests are received and considered before a ship's arrival at British ports resulted during the week in 26 ships being so dealt with and 15 of the ships concerned being released by the Committee subject merely to formal checking of the original manifests on arrival at control bases. — British Wireless.

READ THIS AND LAUGH

Mr. Churchill is still the favourite sport of the Nazi propaganda department. They tell so many lies about him that if there had been no Churchill the Nazis would, no doubt, have invented one.

A complete special edition of "Das Schwarze Korps" was devoted last week entirely to Mr. Churchill. Here are some of the stories they printed:

Winston Churchill recently advertised in The Times as follows: "Gentleman, sixty-one years of age, with good intentions, seeks wealthy lady with a view to matrimony."

Churchill laid the foundations of his immense fortune by selling his name to a tobacco firm which used him as a decoy for advertising.

Messrs. Churchillman will be enlightened by this disclosure.

No man in Britain has so many hats as Winston Churchill. This is because his chameleon-like character loves camouflage and disguise.

One of his favourite pastimes is painting, but he cannot earn much money at it. One art dealer gave an exhibition of his works. It was a great financial failure.

Churchill was made First Lord of the Admiralty for his special capacities as a liar. Never in his life has he heard the whizz of a bullet.

And, of course, Churchill sank the Athenial.

Grant Goebbels this: he does try hard.

SECRET ANTI-U-BOAT DEVICE

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill's reference in his Commons speech to the Asdic method of fighting U-boats, was the first use of the term in a public speech, Reuter learns.

The Navy authorities preserve complete secrecy about the device, which employs a special type of hydrophone apparatus for the detection of submarines by sound.—Reuter.

DR. LEY VISITING ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Dr. Robert Ley, head of the German Labour Front, arrived here yesterday and immediately started conferring with Fascist leaders.

Dr. Ley is to call on Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, to-day, and returns to Berlin on Friday.

It is recalled that last month it was believed that Field-Marshal Goering, or even Hitler himself, might come to Italy, and much comment was aroused by the recent visit to Milan of Heinrich Himmler, the Gestapo chief.

The opinion was expressed at the time that Himmler was preparing for the visit of an important personality to Italy.

However, Dr. Ley is the first Nazi official to visit Italy since that time.—Havas.

A NEW NAZI THESIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz," organ of the Wilhelmstrasse, says: "The forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations Assembly will abuse Swiss territory and will implicate the neutrality of neutrals who are still members of the League."—Havas.

LORDS ALSO TO GO INTO SECRET SESSION

London, To-day.

The Lord President in the House of Lords stated that the Government had decided to hold a secret session on the general question of the Ministry of Supply.

He suggested Tuesday or Thursday next week.

It will be recalled that the Commons will hold a secret session, with the same question as the subject of discussion, next Wednesday.—British Wireless.

M. SURITZ ATTENDS GENEVA MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

M. Jacob Suritz, Soviet Ambassador in Paris, and a member of the Red delegation to the League of Nations, yesterday attended the meeting of the League's budgetary committee. The League's budget estimates have been reduced to 21,000,000 Swiss francs, against 32,000,000 in 1939.—Havas.

Violation Of Luxembourg Neutrality Predicted

GERMAN DIVISIONS MASS ALONG BORDER: TO BEGIN ATTACK ON MAGINOT LINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
PREPARATIONS FOR A large-scale offensive against the Maginot Line are envisaged by the "Daily Mail" which reports that ten German divisions have been withdrawn from the Dutch border and are at present stationed on the Luxembourg border.

The paper asserts that the offensive is starting in the near future with the violation of the neutrality of Luxembourg. — Havas.

CONCENTRATION CONFIRMED
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
In confirmation of the "Daily Mail" report, the newspaper Piccolo reports that concentrations of German troops and artillery are being carried in the Luxembourg region apparently aiming to deal a shattering attack on the Maginot Line. — Havas.

"EXCEPT FOR PATROLS"

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French war communiqué said there were no events of importance, except for activity by patrols. — Reuter.

PATROL-RAIDS

Paris, To-day.
On the Western Front, the Germans are trying to carry out patrol-raids with the object of securing prisoners. There were no less than six of these within 24 hours in the Lorraine sector. The raiders were repulsed, and far from getting any prisoners, several Germans were captured by the French. — Reuter.

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, WHO ARRIVED HERE BY AIR YESTERDAY ON LEAVE, TOLD REPORTERS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST EXPECTATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ENTER THE WAR.

Denying rumours that he is resigning, Mr. Kennedy said he was returning to London after Christmas. He had come, he said, to see his family and to inform the State Department about the situation. — Reuter.

TWO SHIPS OF NEUTRALS SUNK

London, To-day.
The Greek steamer Paralos (3,934 tons), from Antwerp to Piraeus (Greece) with a cargo of German coal, was sunk either by a mine or a torpedo in the Thames Estuary yesterday.

Three were killed and 22 rescued. The Norwegian steamer Primula (1,024 tons) sank after an explosion in the North Sea. Eight are missing. — Reuter.

A saxophone and case were stolen from No. 5, Nathan Road yesterday.

GERMANS NOW USE HEINKELS NOT DORNIERS FOR ENGLISH VISITS

London, To-day.

THERE WAS AERIAL ACTIVITY over the East Coast on Tuesday-Wednesday night and yesterday.

A German plane was brought down in the sea off Norfolk and two others were picked up by searchlights over the Thames Estuary; they disappeared in a north-easterly direction.

Yesterday, an enemy plane flew over the Orkneys, while another was heard over northern Scotland during the morning.

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO FINLAND

Washington, To-day.

In the course of a cable to President Kallio on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of Finnish independence, President Roosevelt declares:

"It is my earnest hope that these tragic days may not be long in giving way to a happier era and will permit the Finnish people to continue the untroubled and steady development of their free political and social institutions, which have aroused the admiration of the American people."

Officials here state the message goes beyond the felicitations the President customarily cables to the heads of States on the occasion of anniversaries. — Reuter.

OLD STORY WITH A DIFFERENCE

London, To-day.

Yesterday was the 21st anniversary of the Finnish declaration of independence, and it found the Finns once again fighting the Bolsheviks — with one difference.

When they fought years ago, they were helped by Germany, and many German soldiers lost their lives fighting for Finland. To-day, the Germans are on the other side, the price Hitler paid for Russian friendship. — Reuter.

'QUIXOTIC' WRECKED

London, To-day.

The Aberdeen trawler, Quixotic, was wrecked near Dundee yesterday. Her crew of nine were rescued by a lifeboat and landed at Dundee. — Reuter.

The Quixotic was a steam trawler of 197 tons, owned by the Grimsby Steam Fishing Company. Built at Hull in 1898, she was 115 feet long.

The plane which crashed was a Heinkel reconnaissance machine, and is believed to have been engaged in mine-laying. It will be recalled that hitherto the Germans have used flying boats for this task; several were badly damaged in the recent R.A.F. raid.

R.A.F. fighter planes went up, but owing to the darkness and extreme bad weather, they did not contact the Nazi machine.

BODY ON BEACH

The German plane, however, apparently got out of control in the bad weather and after narrowly missing a gasometer and several buildings, it crashed into the sea.

A lifeboat went out, but found nothing. Later, the body of a young German airman and some wreckage was found on the beach. — Reuter.

TWO VISITS TO ORKNEYS

London, To-day.

In addition to the flight of Heinkels seen over the Thames Estuary yesterday, German planes made two flights over the Orkneys. — Reuter.

ANOTHER PLANE GOES DOWN OFF HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

A German plane came down off the Netherlands coast yesterday.

A lifeboat rescued the crew after distress signals were seen. — Reuter.

FELL FORTY FEET

A 7-year-old boy, Li Choi-pang, has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. He fell 40 feet in Tung Loi Street yesterday afternoon.

REPORT OF BRITISH CONCESSION TO JAPAN UNTRUE

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated here that a United Press message, alleged to have originated in London and published in Shanghai on Tuesday this week, and repeated over the Chungking radio, that the British Government had decided to avoid depriving Japan of shipments of arms and munitions, is entirely without foundation.

No such decision has been taken. — Reuter.

DISORDER AMONG RED ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Disorders have broken out among troops in the Leningrad military district.

This is reported by the Helsinki correspondent of the "Social Demokraten," who says he obtained his information from absolutely reliable sources.

The disorders, he says, were caused by the unexpectedly fierce Finnish resistance.

Troops in the Leningrad district were told they would easily crush "the Finnish aggression."

Extreme dissatisfaction has been caused by the Red Army's lack of success in the Finnish campaign among the rank and file, who morally and materially are not prepared for a severe Winter campaign. — Havas.

DARK BLUES WIN RUGGER BATTLE

CAMBRIDGE, TO-DAY.

A CROWD OF 5,000 YESTERDAY WATCHED OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE BY 15 POINTS TO 3 IN THE ANNUAL INTER-VARSITY RUGBY MATCH.

It was the first time the encounter had been played outside London since 1872.

Owing to the war the match was unofficial and no Blues were awarded, but play was keen.

Oxford's clever and speedy backs overcame early relentless Cambridge tackling.

Oxford led by 7-0 at half time. — Reuter.

Mrs. Dickens, of No. 10, Hart Avenue, has reported the theft of a handbag from the hallway of her house yesterday.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

PAR EXCELLENCE

It would be difficult to imagine a more brazen piece of effrontery than the action of Japan in protesting against the decision of the British and French governments to seize German exports on the high seas as a measure of retaliation against the sinking of Allied and neutral vessels by means of magnetic mines cast adrift to the peril of all shipping on the high seas.

In the protest lodged in London, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, declared, according to Domei, that British seizure of German cargoes would "overstep the limits of retaliatory measures" and was counter to previous assurances given by the British Government. The note to France, turned in by Ambassador Katsutaro Miyazaki, "strongly emphasised that such an action would be an infringement of the trading rights of Japan, a neutral nation." The French Government was asked to protect the peaceful trade of neutral countries as guaranteed by international law.

Neutral countries in Europe which are protesting the new Anglo-French blockade measure have every right to make reference to international law and to plead for respect of their rights as neutrals. But when Japan makes such references and advances the plea of neutral rights — Japan, who up to this very day is violating international law and attacking the rights of neutrals in every conceivable sphere!—her protests assume the character of hypocrisy carried to the ultimate extreme.

The newest Anglo-French measure against Germany undoubtedly will hit the trade of neutrals doing business with the Reich. No attempt is being made to hide that fact. It is a war measure taken by States which have proclaimed themselves at war. Japan, however, has attacked the rights of neutrals in the Far East, trampled on their interests, seized their properties, insulted and maltreated their citizens for two and half years. All this has been done without benefit of a war declaration, although the pretext and excuse of "military necessity" have invariably been advanced whenever it was found necessary to answer the well-grounded protests of the injured neutrals.

At this very moment, the British and French Concessions in Tientsin are being subjected to a Japanese blockade which is hurting, not the Chinese Government with which Japan is engaged in her "Special Undeclared War" — but neutrals in this struggle, and none

but neutrals. The entire Chinese coast is blockaded by the Japanese Navy and neutral shipping prevented from entering Chinese ports. Neutral businessmen are having their cargoes stolen by piratical Japanese concerns operating under the protection of the Japanese Army. Every conceivable device is being employed by the Japanese to drive all foreign business except their own out of the China market.

Before Japan can claim her rights as a neutral and respect by others for international law, she must acknowledge the rights of neutrals in the Far East and herself learn to respect international law.—"China Weekly Review."

A. R. P.!

One is reminded that incendiaryism as a method of warfare is not entirely new, and that domestic equipment for coping with it is not a twentieth-century innovation, on discovering that a fourteenth-century writer counselled the householders of Florence, whose houses were often burnt down during the pursuit of a neighbour's vendetta (as well as in the ordinary

course of events), that they "should always keep ready twelve large sacks in which to put your things whenever there is a fire in your vicinity, or anywhere even near to you or in your house, and also thick cord to reach from the roof to the ground, so as to enable you to escape from the window."

Perhaps even our complicated insurance schemes were anticipated in the prevalent system whereby an attacker paid damages for houses that suffered from his deliberate burning of an adversary's home—a system which, it may be supposed, should have reduced war risks (third party) to a minimum, and which certainly showed a proper spirit.—Manchester Guardian.

RUSSIAN PLOT

Turkey is the key to the Russian plan to dominate the Balkans. Turkey controls the Dardanelles, through which warships can—if Turkey permits—enter the Black Sea from the Mediterranean. It is hardly necessary to say whose warships Russia would like to see excluded from this four-to-five-mile-wide, well fortified passage. While there is a possibility of Britain's using the Dardanelles, any aggressor in the Balkans must reckon with the aid which the Allies can send to those States via the Black Sea.

The formation of a Russian-sponsored Balkan bloc involved other questions of a purely Balkan nature: the claims of Bulgaria and of Russia against Rumania, for example. Had Russia succeeded in bringing the Turks around to the Soviet point of view, Mr. Saracoglu apparently was to be allotted the none-too-pleasant task of calling on M. Gafencu to tell him that Turkey had agreed with Russia that Rumania should be partitioned and that Rumania's reward for permitting this to take place would be increased security within a new bloc of States whose integrity would be guaranteed—in the last analysis—by Russia.

To become the supreme influence in the Balkans, Russia needs above all things to keep British influence out of that area. Turkey is Britain's bridge to the Balkans. But Turkey stood in the awkward position of having one too many friends. Its friendship with Russia was a cardinal point in Turkish foreign policy.

TO WIN THE WAR

To win this war, and to make another war less likely, we need to say quite simply to the German people—Give us a Government which accepts the principle of negotiation as a substitute for force and which is composed of people whose bond is worth having.—Sir Ernest Benn.

Increasing pressure from Moscow has driven Turkey toward London. A pact of mutual assistance between Turkey and Britain is in being and requires only a few complementary agreements covering credits, trade, and supplies of machinery for Tur-

key. As between Russia and Britain, neutrality is the policy Turkey would doubtless prefer to pursue. Had Russia remained content with this, Britain might have made little progress toward lining up the balance to Russia. Turkey has now however fully realised the implications of Russian designs in the Balkans.—"Christian Science Monitor."

JAPANESE VIEW

Government circles in Chungking dread the possibility of an amicable American response to Japanese approaches for a readjustment of relations between the United States and Japan, because such a development would have "a keen effect upon Chinese isolation in world politics." Chungking's comment that alleged Japanese attempts to conclude a commercial pact with the Soviet Union constituted a Japanese threat to the United States, revealed "frantic Chinese efforts to aggravate American feelings against Japan."—"Mainichi," Shanghai.

SOVIET INVASION HELD ON ALL FRONTS

Helsinki, To-day.

THE SOVIET ATTACKS are being held on all fronts. During the past few days, over 80 Soviet tanks have been destroyed on the southern front, and many more have been put out of action on the front north of Lake Ladoga, where there is fierce fighting in heavy snow.

On the Arctic front, the Finns are holding up the advance of the Russians, who are constantly reinforced. — Reuter.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE CONTINUES

Helsinki, To-day.
The stubborn Finnish resistance to the Red invasion continues, and, according to a communique issued by General Headquarters, 80 Russian tanks have been destroyed or damaged since the war started.

Air operations yesterday were confined to a few reconnaissance flights by Red planes over Petsamo. Owing to bad weather Finnish planes again only went up on reconnaissance flights. Practical help is coming to Finland from countries outside Scandinavia.

ITALIAN PLANES
In addition to the suggested American action in returning to Finland the next instalment of her war debt, Italy is supplying Finland with planes. Fifty or sixty Italian planes have already arrived at Helsinki. — Reuter.

ELEVEN TANK DIVISIONS IN RED FORCES (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
Latest data reveals that the Soviet troops attacking Finland are from the 7th Army, commanded by General Merejkov, and comprising 11 tank divisions. Five divisions are reported to be massed at the Karelian Isthmus and four divisions to the north of Lake Ladoga.

One of the main objectives of the Russians is the railway line from Peirjaervi to Oulu, on the Gulf of Bothnia and the Ladoga districts. Far to the north Soviet troops comprise skiers from Kandakasha, on the White Sea.

Well-informed quarters estimate that the Russians advanced 40 kilometres and sustained heavy losses in the process.

Swedish sources estimate that 400,000 Finnish soldiers are facing half a million Soviet troops supported by an overwhelming number of planes. — Havas.

PLANES SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.
Eight more Russian tanks were destroyed in the Karelian Isthmus yesterday, says a Finnish communique, making a total of 80 destroyed in this region since hostilities began.

Two big enemy planes were shot down north of Lake Ladoga. — Reuter.

MURMANSK RAID DENIED

Moscow, To-day.
Headquarters of the Leningrad military area denies the report that 60 Soviet planes were destroyed in a Finnish air raid on Murmansk.

It is stated that no raids were carried out by the Finnish or any other air force in the Murmansk area. — Reuter.

MOSCOW SILENCE

Moscow, To-day.
The Moscow wireless yesterday denied the Finnish claims, but made no claims on behalf of the Soviets. It was announced that Leningrad's anti-aircraft guns had been in action against Finnish planes. — Reuter.

HALF IN KARELIA

Helsinki, To-day.
It is understood that the Russians have thrown the 7th Army, under General Mereskov, into the region comprised by the Karelian Isthmus and Lake Ladoga.

The 7th Army consists of seven infantry and four tank divisions, and over half this force is believed to be in the Karelian area.

Here a series of spear thrusts have pushed into the Finnish advanced defences with the intention of reaching the railway line starting at Oulu, in the Bothnian Gulf, running south-east towards the Russian frontier. Eighty thousand Russians and 40,000 Finns are said to be fighting in the Karelian Isthmus.

GOLOSHES FOR SNOW!

The Finnish Army numbers nearly 500,000, and is stated to include several Russian Commissars who fought in the civil war of 1917.

The Russian troops are reported to be poorly shod and are wearing rubber goloshes instead of boots, which are uncomfortable for marching.

EVACUATION PROCEEDS

The evacuation of Finnish towns continues, and only a few residents remain in Helsinki.

A journalist yesterday visited a hospital 20 miles from Helsinki and saw the victims of air raids. There were some 100 adults and 25 children. Many of the children were terribly injured.

SPIES SHOT

It is reported that the Swedish armaments firm of Bofors is passing to Finland 25 anti-aircraft guns which were ordered by the Polish Government but could not be delivered in time.

Three spies, alleged to have been discovered sending radio messages to Moscow were shot yesterday. — Reuter.

NAVY GETS ANOTHER PRIZE

Capetown, To-day.
Another German merchantman, this time, of 8,000 tons, has been captured by the Royal Navy. An attempt was made to scuttle her, but this was prevented and she is being taken in as a prize.

Her crew are all safe on board a British vessel.

The ship sailed from Lourenco Marques 24 hours before war was declared. She was later seen at Bahia Blanca.

The vessel is the liner, Ussu-kuma, and she was taken in the South Atlantic, according to an official statement. — Reuter.

DENMARK'S ATTITUDE

Copenhagen, To-day.
The latest demonstration of sympathy for Finland came in the Danish Parliament yesterday afternoon.

When the Danish Communist leader rose to speak, the members of all the other parties—both Right and Left—got up and walked out, leaving him to address two men—his fellow Communists.

When the session was resumed, a member asked whether it was not high time that Denmark broke off relations with Russia. — Reuter.

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GREAT BRITAIN TO SUPPLY PLANES TO FINLAND

London, To-day.

GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY and the United States are either assisting Finland with war materials, or making arrangements to do so.

It is officially announced in London that British firms are to supply considerable amounts of war supplies, including automatic arms, Bren guns, and about 20 fighting planes.

The Government will not make use of its priority rights to prevent immediate delivery.

Italy has already sent about fifty planes to Helsinki.

President Roosevelt has been in consultation with Mr. Norman Davis and Mr. Jesse Jones as to the methods by which the United States can lend assistance, financial and so on, to Finland with diplomatic immunity and domestic approbation.

Some speculation is voiced in London as to how long Germany will allow the transport of war materials through the Baltic to Finland.—Reuter.

PROBLEM OF AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Finnish question remains the main pre-occupation of diplomatic and parliamentary circles in London.

It is believed here that Finland's resistance will become still more stern as the bitter cold sets on, and renders Soviet attacks more difficult.

The defence is also made easier by the financial and economic help Finland is receiving, and continuing to receive, from many countries.

CHIEF PROBLEM

Political circles consider that the chief problem is to help Finland by all legal means while keeping an eye on the Balkans, where the Soviet threat ever looms larger.

The National Council of Labour is examining the Finnish problem and will probably issue a public condemnation of the Soviet attitude.—Havas.

BRITISH SUPPLIES TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Well-informed quarters assert that British firms have sold a number of planes to Finland.

This action is consonant with international law and with the precedent set by other neutral countries in the Finn-Russian conflict.

Fifty or sixty Italian planes were landed at Helsinki yesterday, raising the most important question of whether they flew non-stop from Italy or refuelled in Germany.—Havas.

HO YAO-TSU FLYING TO MOSCOW

Chungking, To-day.

General Ho Yao-tsu, Director of the Executive Office of the Generalissimo's headquarters, left Chungking yesterday morning for Moscow on board the Chinese Ministry of Communications airliner "Chungking," which is inaugurating through air traffic between the two capitals, according to an official announcement.

General Ho arrived safely at Lanchow, capital of Kansu, according to a telegram received here. He is scheduled to continue the flight to Moscow this morning.

General Ho, it is understood, originally planned to leave on September 25, but on hearing that arrangements for the new air route were not yet complete, postponed his departure.

Among notables at the airfield to see him off were General Ho Ying-ching (War Minister), General Chang Chih-chung (chief A.D.C. to the Generalissimo) and representatives of the Foreign Office and the Soviet Embassy.

It is announced that upon arrival in Moscow General Ho Yao-tsu will call on Soviet leaders.—Reuter.

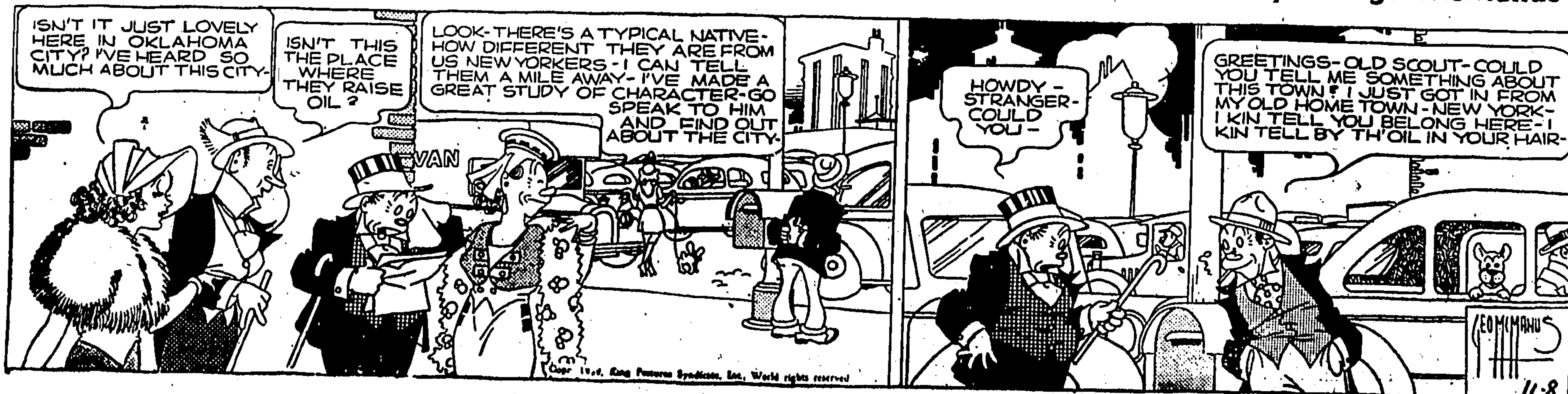
ALFRED HUGENBURG'S FLIGHT REPORTED

Paris, To-day.

Alfred Hugenberg, the German industrial magnate, has fled into Switzerland, according to a radio announcement.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



OUR TROOPS ARE READY FOR ACTION

British troops everywhere in France are working hard maintaining their fighting training writes an observer. This is what forcibly impresses an observer as he moves from camp to camp.

Along the roads of France our infantry tramps on route marches, and in camps they continue intensive training in weapons of every kind.

Valuable exercises in concealment from the air and camouflage are constantly being carried out.

One day I accompanied a party of French writers round several British units. All the afternoon I heard "magnifique," "formidable," and so on. They were deeply impressed by the soldierly conduct of the men they saw.

In one farmyard a mortar was unpacked, put together, and sighted in a remarkably short time.

WEAPONS ALWAYS READY

Everywhere it seemed weapons were always ready to hand and the men waiting only the word of command to spring to action.

The British equipment won the instant admiration of the French visitors. They exclaimed enthusiastically at the quality of the material and at the fact it is all so perfectly up to date.

But the turn out and bearing of the men impressed them almost more.

Their reaction is typical. All Frenchmen I have talked to laugh with contempt at the German radio attempt to claim that France is fighting Britain's battles.

"We have seen a sample of your army," they say, "and we can see that it means business. Whatever Germany may pretend, we know that we are both fighting for the same thing."

THE ARMY'S "LARDER"

I was surprised when I visited the main "larder" of our troops in France. It is a vast hall with a stage at one end—in peace-time it is used for entertainments. Now it is stacked from floor to ceiling with food. Outside requisitioned lorries (from all parts of the British Isles) come and go all day bringing in food and sending it out to the scattered units.

I arrived at the same time as a lorry which normally transports cement in Newcastle. It was piled high with cabbages. The unloading yard was always thronged with lorries from Glasgow, Sheffield, Aberdeen and Bishop Auckland, all laden with potatoes.

In the centre of the hall are kept huge round yellow cheeses nearly a yard in diameter which look exactly like brand new motor tyres still wrapped up. The troops have already nicknamed them.

Nearby stand great crates of tea. Cases full of tinned goods are ranged along the walls. Matches and cigarettes occupy a whole section. In one corner there is always a mountain of British Army loaves.

The cooks are delighted that turnips are already washed and scraped. It saves hours of time. There are plenty of oranges and bananas and the troops have an issue of half a grape-fruit each to see how they like it.

LETTERS TO SOLDIERS

The War Office emphasise that only letters and parcels for forces serving overseas can be dealt with by the Army Post Office.

Letters and parcels for members of H.-M. Forces stationed anywhere in England have to be dealt with by the civil Post Office.

It is most important, it is stated, that the address "C/o Army Post Office" should be restricted to letters and parcels for men actually serving overseas.

Neglect of this rule will cause delay and may result in non-delivery of correspondence. Parcels for troops serving abroad cannot be registered.

CONTRABAND CONTROL OPERATIONS

London, To-day.

Since the beginning of the war the Allied Contraband Control has intercepted and detained approximately 735,000 tons of contraband.

Of this total 470,500 tons has been detained by Great Britain and approximately 260,000 tons by France.

During the week ended December 2 the British Contraband Control intercepted and detained 13,700 tons of contraband goods, of which there was evidence that they were destined for Germany.

This total included 4,500 tons of iron pyrites; 1,750 tons of skins; 1,200 tons of coffee; 2,800 tons of other foodstuffs; 850 tons of timber; 500 tons of cotton; 400 tons of petroleum products and 250 tons of chemicals.

Other commodities detained included oilseeds, oils and fats, calcium, magnesite, tanning materials, wool and rubber.

FRENCH SEIZURES

During the fortnight ended November 30 the French Contraband Control also detained 35,300 tons of contraband, including 18,148 tons of foodstuffs and feeding stuffs; 12,651 tons of metals and ores; 2,236 tons of textiles; 107 tons of wool; 99 tons of hair; 107 tons of timber; 253 tons of resin; 147 tons of turrentine; 100 tons of cork; 220 tons of fats; 214 tons of oilseeds; 583 tons of wire and 273 tons of chemicals.

Other goods included jute, sisal, silk, rubber, and hides and skins. — British Wireless.

MOSCOW STATEMENT ON LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY FIGURE, THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT COMMAND DENIES THE FINNISH CAPTURE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF SOVIET TANKS.

It is added that the Soviet has lost only two planes, while 11 Finnish machines were shot down over Soviet territory.

The Red Baltic Fleet Command denies that the cruiser Kirov and a destroyer were hit by the guns of Hangoe Fortress, whose batteries, the Russians assert, have only a range of 25-kilometres against the 35 kilometres of the Russian warships. — Havas.

FINNS BOMB SEAT OF PUPPET REGIME

Rome, To-day.

Terijoki, seat of the puppet Finnish "government," has been evacuated following a bombardment by Finnish planes, according to reports from Helsinki.

Russian forces advancing on Petsamo are being machine-gunned from the air by the Finns.

The Finnish Parliament met twice yesterday at an unrevealed place.

The budget commission submitted proposals for a long-term loan of 700,000,000 Finnmarks and a short-term loan of 1,000,000,000 Finnmarks. — Reuter.

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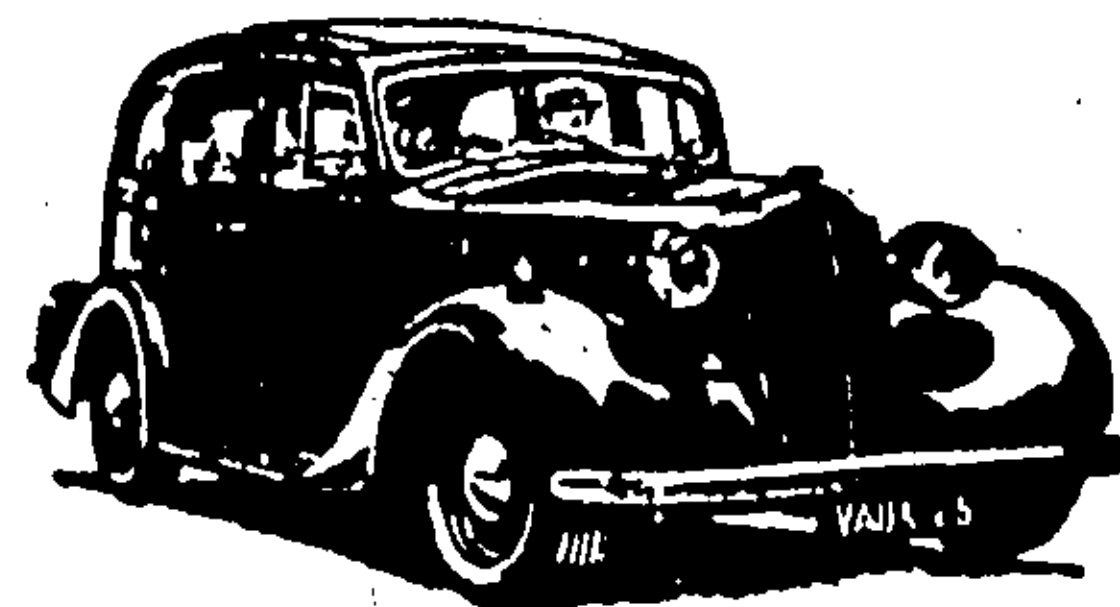
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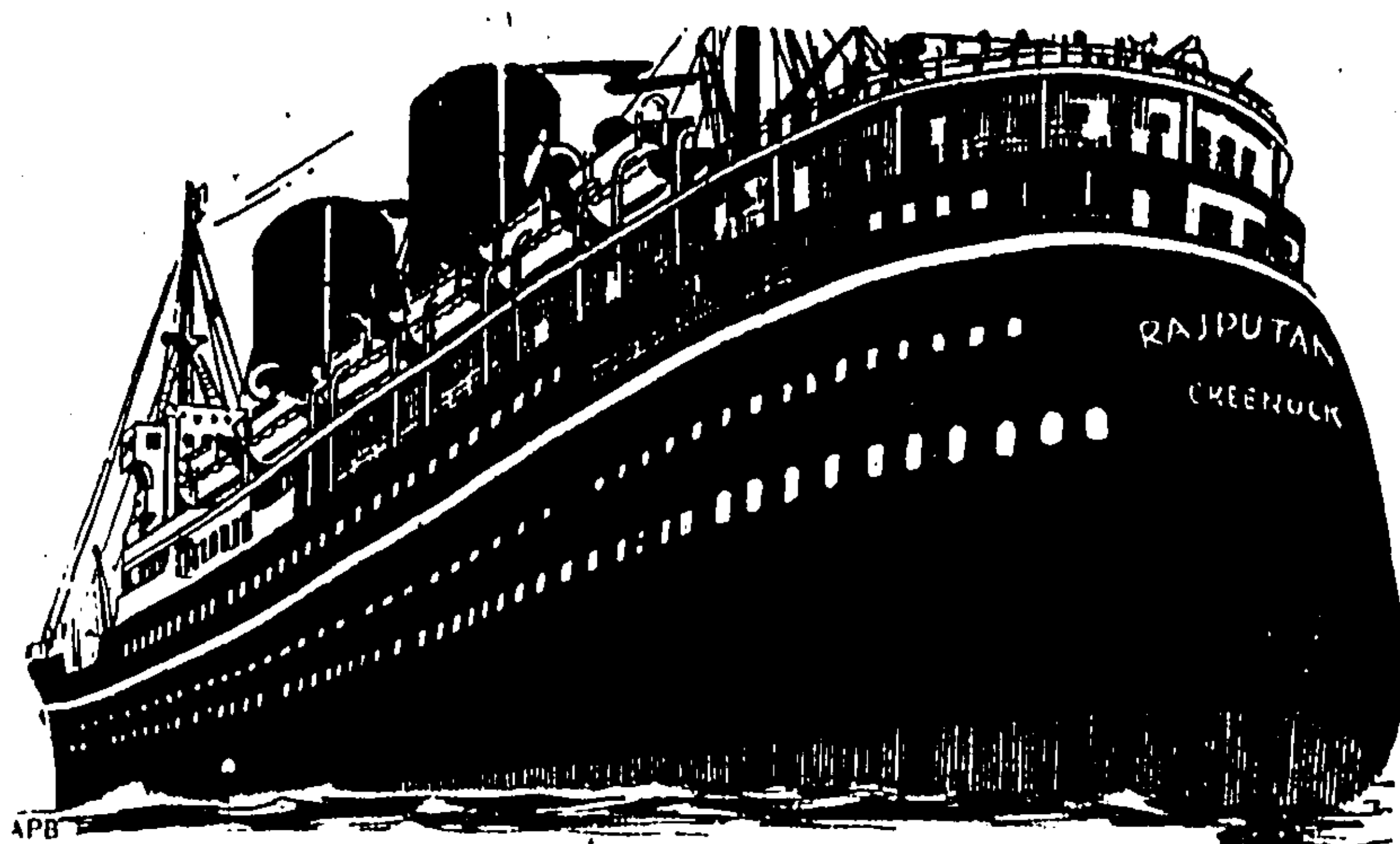
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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Swatow	December 7.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 29th November	December 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th November	December 7.
Shanghai	December 7.
Japan and Shanghai	December 7.
Shanghai	December 8.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 18th Nov.)	December 8.
Canton	December 9.
Straits and Saigon	December 8.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 11th Nov.)	December 9.
Formosa and Swatow	December 9.
Shanghai	December 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd December	December 10.
Calcutta and Straits	December 10.
Haiphong	December 10.
Sandakan	December 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	December 10.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	December 10.
Straits	December 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	December 11.
Japan and Shanghai	December 11.
Manila	December 11.
Tientsin	December 11.
Shanghai	December 12.
Straits	December 12.
Shanghai	December 12.
Java and Manila	December 12.
Canton	December 13.
Shanghai	December 13.
Straits	December 13.
Japan and Shanghai	December 14.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
THURSDAY		
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 14th December.	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Dec. 7, 3.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 7, 10.00 a.m.
Amoy		Dec. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Dec. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa.		Dec. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th Jan., 1940 and London Parcels—due London, 11th January, 1940.	K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Dec. 7, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Dec. 7, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 7, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Dec. 7, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Dec. 7, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 7, 7.00 p.m.
Amoy		Dec. 7, 7.00 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Japan		Dec. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Tourane		Dec. 8, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon		Dec. 8, 2.00 p.m.
Manila		Dec. 8, 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Saigon		Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Canton		Dec. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 7th Dec.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Dec. 9, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 9, 5.30 p.m.

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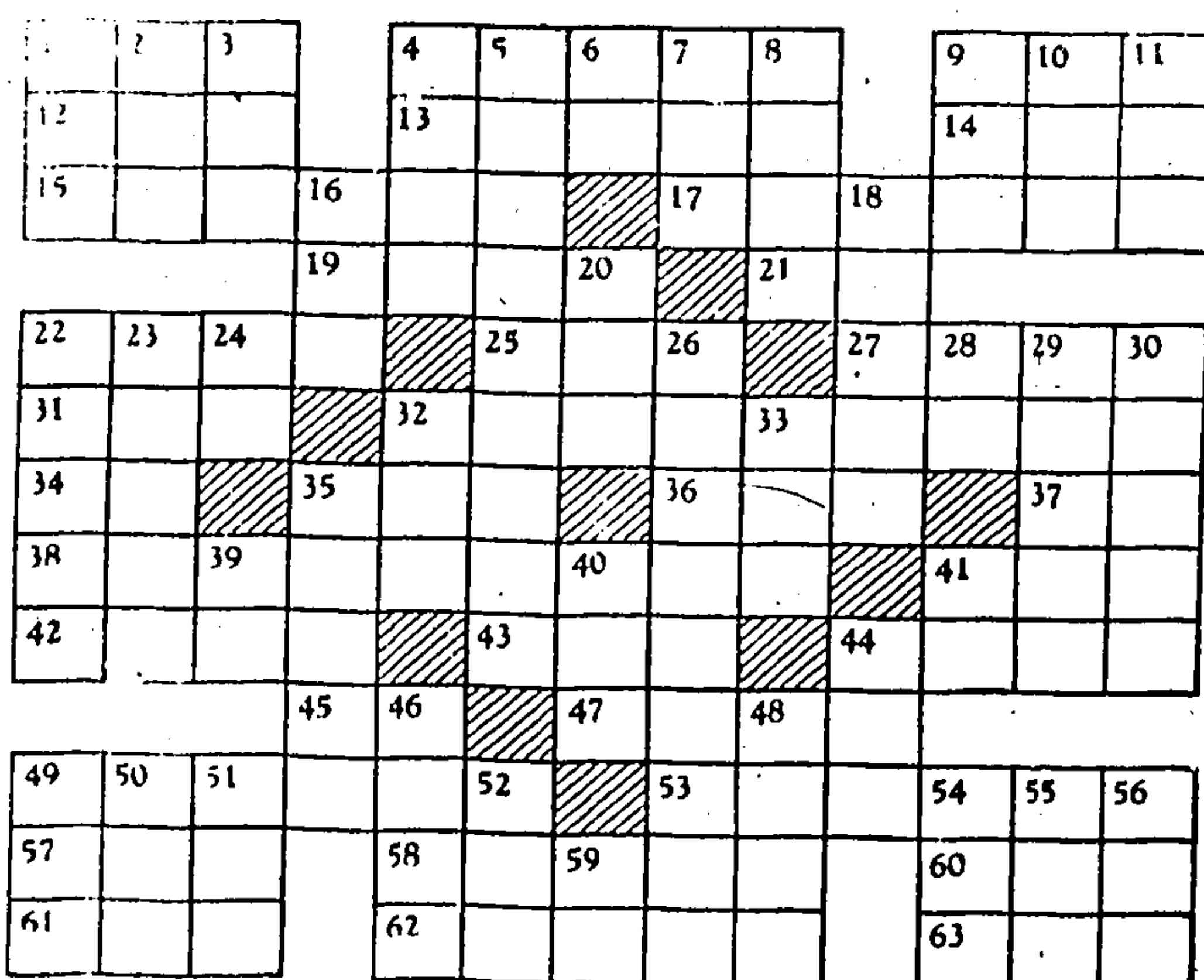
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of facts
- 13 A relation
- 14 Palm leaf
- 15 Kind of tree
(pl.)
- 17 Click beetle
- 19 Philippine
natives
- 21 Jewish
month
- 22 Fellow
(coll.)
- 25 Footlike
part
- 27 Girl's name
- 31 To strike
- 32 Named
particularly
- 34 Conjunction
- 35 So (Scot.)
- 38 Decay
- 37 Perform
- 38 Banishes
- 41 Pike-like fish
- 42 Paradise
- 43 Sandpiper
- 44 To apportion
- 45 Note of scale
- 47 Afflicted
with aches

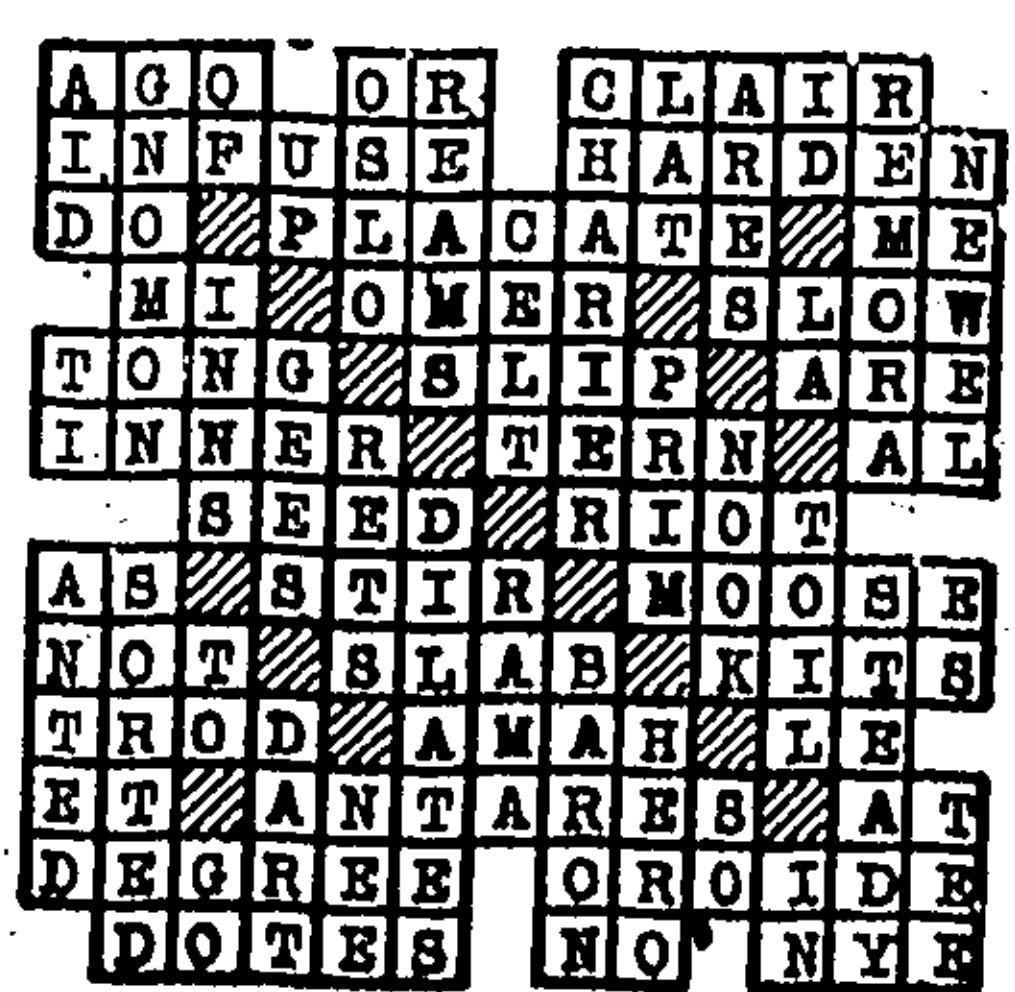
- 49 College
treasurer
- 53 Took notice
of
- 57 Anglo-Saxon
coin
- 58 A citadel
- 60 To be in
debt
- 61 False hair
- 62 Sows
- 63 Pagoda
finial

VERTICAL

- 1 A preserve
- 2 South Amer-
ican Indian
- 3 Opening
- 4 Dillseed
- 5 Vanish
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 Frosting
- 8 A tissue
(anat.)
- 9 Small bed

- 10 Beverage
- 11 Equality
- 16 Once around
track
- 18 Behind
(nautical)
- 20 Bishopric
- 22 A small job
- 23 Rented
- 24 Near
- 26 Screamed
- 28 Chinese mile
- 29 Commemo-
rative disk
- 30 Worship
- 32 Sink in
middle
- 33 Hawaiian
hawk (pl.)
- 35 Dispatches
- 39 French article
- 40 Afternoon
party
- 41 Depart
- 44 To tint
- 46 Grain (pl.)
- 48 Possessive
pronoun
- 49 A curtsy
- 50 Swiss-canton
- 51 Waste cloth
- 52 Fish eggs
- 54 Speck
- 55 Female sheep
- 56 River in Wales
- 59 Plural
pronoun

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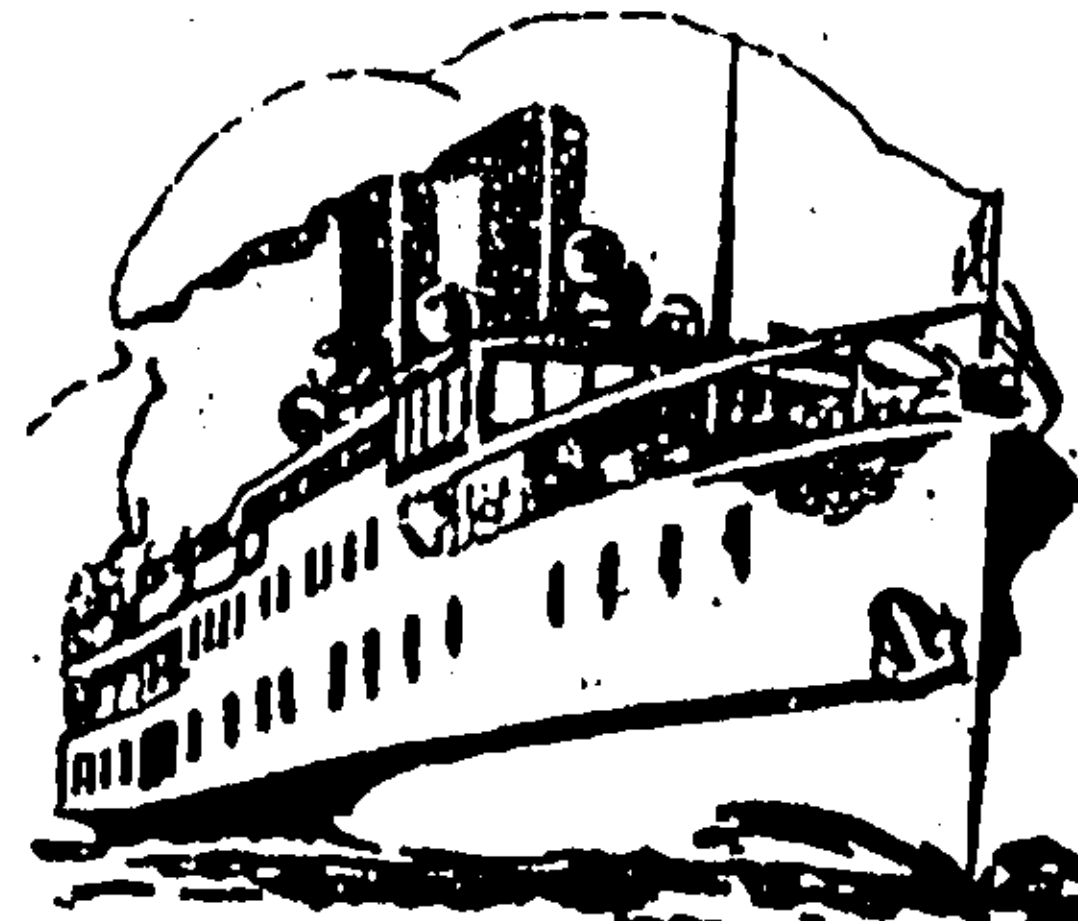
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Canton Ins. \$200 b.
Union Ins. \$290 b.

SHIPPING
Douglases \$70 b.
H.K. Steamboats \$12 s.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. Docks \$10 b.
Providents \$4 1/4 b.

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H.K. and S. Hotels \$4.65 b.
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H.K. Realities \$4.30 b.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$16.20 b., \$16 1/2 s.
Peak Trams (Old) \$8 b.
Peak Trams (New) \$4 b.
Star Ferries \$63 1/2 b.
Yaumati Ferries \$23 1/4 b.
H.K. Electrics \$51 1/4 b.
Sandakan Lights \$11 1/2 b.
Telephones (Old) \$23 1/4 b.
Telephones (New) \$7.30 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$15 1/4 b.
H.K. Ropes \$5.10 b.

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Dairy Farms (Old) \$20.10 b., \$20 1/2 s.
Dairy Farms (New) \$19 1/4 b.
Watsons \$8 1/4 b., \$8 1/2 s., \$8 1/4 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$8 1/4 b.
Constructions (Old) \$1 1/4 b.
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Itogons Ps. .29 sa.
Mambulao Ps. .015 b.
Masbates Ps. .11 sa.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .08 1/2 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .09 b.
North Camarines Ps. .17 1/2 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .18 1/2 b.
San Mauricio Ps. .85 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .14 1/2 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .02 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .28 1/2 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.
Silver was quoted at 23-7/16 for spot and 23-5/8 forward.
The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £-U.S.\$3.92.

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"Y" LADIES TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

"Y" Ladies will be without Miss Bockler for their Caer Clark Cup game on Saturday against St. Andrew's Ladies, strongest challengers, and positional changes have consequently been made.

Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai Interporter, will make her debut in local hockey at centre-forward, and Miss D. McCaw, former centre-forward, will play on the left-wing.

The second team remains unchanged.

The teams selected are:
1st XI v. St. Andrew's on the Y.M.C.A. ground at 3 p.m.

Miss Minoot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. Burnett (Captain), Miss Harker, Miss D. Eardley, Mrs. Gardner and Miss D. McCaw.

2nd XI v. Recrelo on the Recrelo ground at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss Bradbury, Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Macklin.

POLICE TO MEET VOLUNTEERS

The following have been selected to represent the Police cricket team on Sunday at Happy Valley when they will meet the Volunteers' team in a whole-day match:-

C. O. Pope, H. W. E. Heath, A. E. Carey, P. H. Loughlin, T. R. Hunter, H. Danbrowsky, J. L. Stephens, F. Forrest, E. S. Brooks, A. Kirby and E. Fyffe.

PERUVIAN BAN

It is understood that the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce cabled Chungking this morning petitioning the Government to open negotiations with the Peruvian Government, who have prohibited the further immigration of Chinese nationals.

TWO KOWLOON CASES OF SMALLPOX

Two cases of smallpox, the first for some days, were reported to the Medical Department from Kowloon yesterday. There were also two cases of diphtheria, in Victoria, one typhoid, 13 dysentery and 16 tuberculosis.

SNATCHER'S HAUL

A snatcher escaped with a \$100 note yesterday evening when, hovering round a money-changer's, he saw a young girl tendering it for change.

No. 123, Robinson Road was entered yesterday and a suitcase, containing clothing, stolen.

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LECTURE

by David B. Bone, Esq.

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on Friday, 8th. December, 1939, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

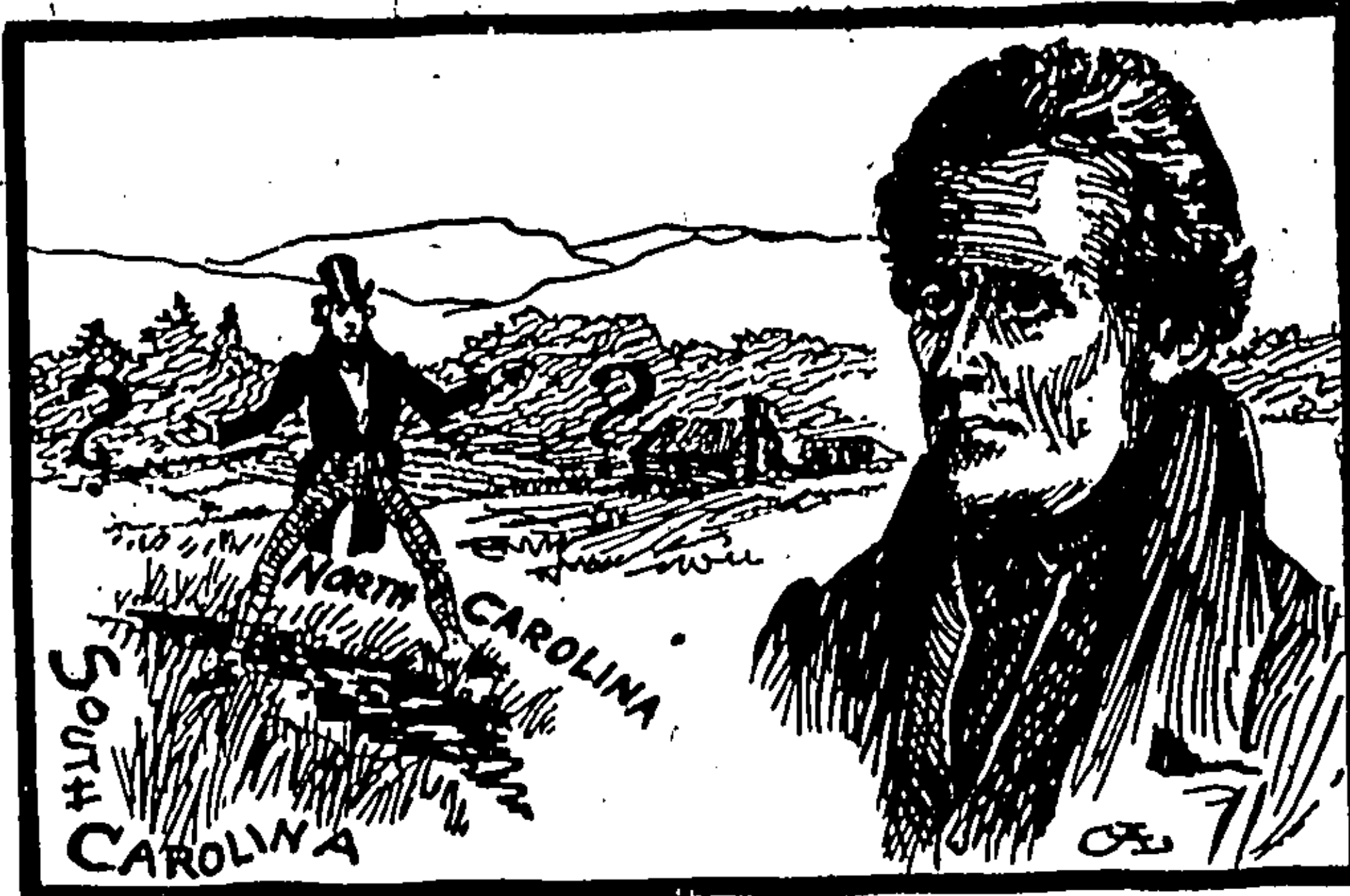
THE MYSTERY OF
ANDREW JACKSON

By VICENT TOWNE

When the Cherokee Indians threatened a bloody uprising, in 1756, a body of British troops was sent to the imperiled region, about the boundary between North and South Carolina. With them went Hugh Jackson, an Irish soldier, who fell in love with the country. Returning to his home, near Carrickfergus, on the north coast of the Emerald Isle, he persuaded his brother, Andrew, Andrew's wife and her sisters to migrate to that garden spot which he admired in the New World.

The immigrants were very poor folk of the tenant class. But Andrew and his young wife, Elizabeth, were of the best raw material for the making of a future race. He had toiled in field and forest. His sinews were like steel and he feared no foe. Elizabeth, a weaver by trade, could do a man's work and was not afraid of the perils of motherhood. They were of the class of immigrants that were needed then. Their two little sons, Hugh and Robert, came along with them on the slow-sailing ship. Some have said that they brought along a third son, who later had reasons for keeping secret the place of his birth.

These modest folk landed at Charleston and pushed up, by wagon train, through the pine forest fastnesses to the Waxhaw settlement, in North Carolina, near the South Carolina line. Andrew Jackson squatted on a tract along Twelve Mile Creek. For two years, he toiled as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, built for his family a log cabin and cleared some fields for the plowshares. But before he had raised his second crop he ruptured a blood vessel while lifting the trunk of a forest giant, which thus avenged itself after



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falling a victim to his axe. It was the first foe that had ever conquered him. The nearest doctor was too far to come in time. So neighbours placed Andrew's corpse in a rude farm wagon and carried it to Waxham churchyard. He was but 28 when he gave up his ill-spared soul.

From the graveyard his weeping widow refused to go back to the little cabin which her husband had cut for her out of the wilderness. She could not endure to lay eyes upon it again. After seeing the earth heaped upon her good man's corpse she took her little boys by the hand and struck out into the forest—no one knows whither.

There were very serious reasons why she should reach some friendly shelter very soon. Wherever she went she gave birth to a child a few days after her husband's funeral. It is generally supposed that this baby was named for his father and was that one of her children who became President of the United States.

Elizabeth had two sisters, whom we will hereafter call young Andrew Jackson's Aunt Crawford and Aunt McKemy. Aunt Crawford dwelt on Waxhaw Creek, in South Carolina, seven miles from the Jackson cabin, while Aunt McKemy lived two and a half miles beyond, a little way over the line, in South Carolina. It is supposed that the heart-broken widow set out for one or the other of these cabins built by her brothers-in-law. Some say that before she reached either she stopped by the wayside, at a stranger's house, and there gave to the world the child destined to make her one of the world's celebrated mothers.

About the mystery has revolved, for generations, the vortex of a bitter controversy between the two Carolinas—each commonwealth claiming credit for having given "Old Hickory" to the nation. Some authorities believe that this honour belongs to neither.

"I was born in South Carolina, as I have been told, at a plantation whereon James Crawford lived, about one mile from the Carolina road and on the Waxhaw Creek."

President Jackson is quoted as having said this. This James Crawford was his Aunt Crawford's husband. On a map prepared by J. Boykin, who surveyed the Waxhaw settlement in 1820, the General's birthplace is very definitely located in South Carolina, upon a hump of "Twelve Mile Creek" that barely escaped the North Carolina line. But another of the President's aunts, Mrs. Sarah Leslie, and her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Lathan, always insisted that their world-famed kinsman was born at his Aunt McKemy's house, in North Carolina that they remembered well because they had both been summoned there in the night to assist Mrs. Jackson, and because they had actually witnessed the birth. Until her old age, Mrs. Lathan repeatedly related how she and her mother had hurried that night to McKemy's, by "the near way through the fields." Three other neighbours are known to have testified that they also were present at McKemy's when Andrew was born there. And a patriarch of that region, one James Faulkner, used to declare that once, while they were sleeping together at McKemy's house, Andrew Jackson had told him that it was his birthplace.

In 1854, Col S. H. Walkup, of Union County, N. C., secured from 14 witnesses affidavits whose substance was

that Elizabeth Jackson, from Waxhaw Cemetery, started for the Crawford cabin, in South Carolina, but on the way had to take the nearer way to the McKemy cabin, in North Carolina, where she remained until after the birth of her child, when she proceeded on the Crawford's, there to make her home.

When asked by Francis P. Blair if he ever visited his birthplace, Gen. Jackson once replied: "No, I couldn't bear to! It would suggest nothing but the bereavement, grief and suffering of these dearest to me. I couldn't stand it! It would break me down!"

In 1858, one Davenport, in a printed document presented alleged proof that Andrew Jackson was a native of Virginia. Others maintained that he was born in Ireland that he had the fact concealed when he first began to have political ambitions. Wherever it was, his birthplace remains a mystery that defies solution.

COL. REITZ
FLYING HOME

London, To-day.

Colonel Reitz, the South African representative to the Empire talks, has left London and is flying home.

Before he left, he said he had been very impressed by the Allied war effort and by all he had seen and heard.

He praised the co-operation between the Dominions and the Mother Country.—Reuter.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says she treats him like a door mat he means the kind with "Welcome" written on it.

THE WARNING

THE WARNING is a film that should be seen by every citizen, and citizenship, of Hongkong who would learn of the adequacy of air raid defence in England. To those who feel anxiety as to the safety of families and friends at home, this picture brings comforting reassurance and revelation.

Few of us here can realise the comprehensiveness of the vast A.R.P. organisation in England so ably directed by Sir John Anderson, the Minister for Civil Defence. In this production, sponsored by the Government, every sphere of anti air raid activity is shown in scenes of vivid realism. This is no milk-and-water production. We hear the crash of falling buildings, the crescendo whine of falling bombs, the staccato clatter of machine guns, the clanging of ambulances, the wailing sirens of the Fire Brigade, the deafening reports of anti-aircraft guns and we see the tense and ordered efficiency of the system that meets the menace of succeeding waves of attack and the disciplined measures of organised security provided by the A.R.P. service.

The producers commendably have shown restraint in the presentation of anything that might offend the squeamish. There is nothing gruesome in this picture. There is something that its grim and everything that is enthralling. Wherever this picture has been shown it has resulted in a considerable accession to the numbers of the A.R.P. organisation.

I hope it will have that effect here. We need many more Wardens before we be fully manned in emergency with we can be satisfied that our posts will adequate reserves. There are some vacancies in the higher offices of administration in the districts of Hongkong. Here is a good opportunity for our foreign friends who are ineligible for service in our armed forces but who will volunteer for organising duty in this good cause of civil defence. If any such will write to me I shall be very glad to tell them of our needs.

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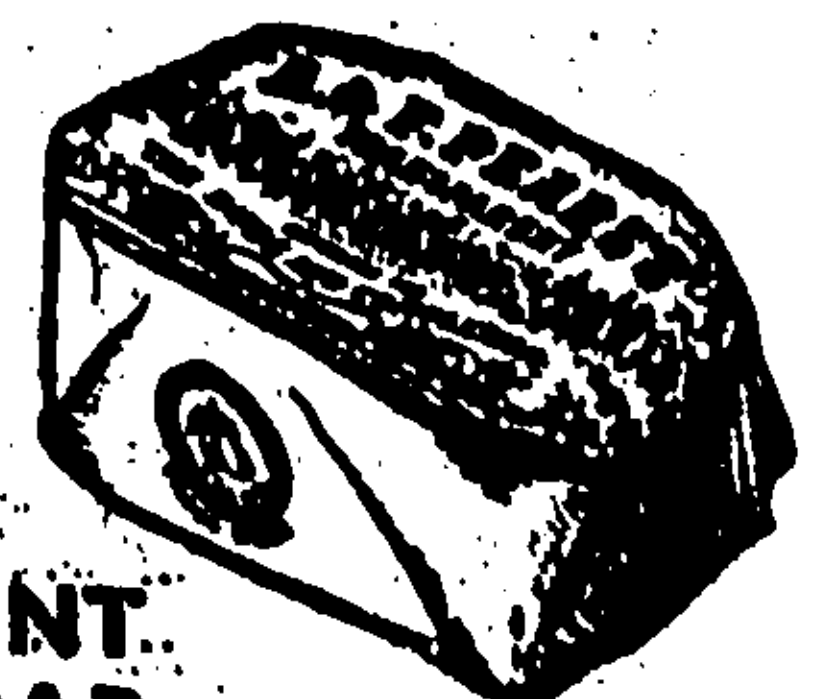


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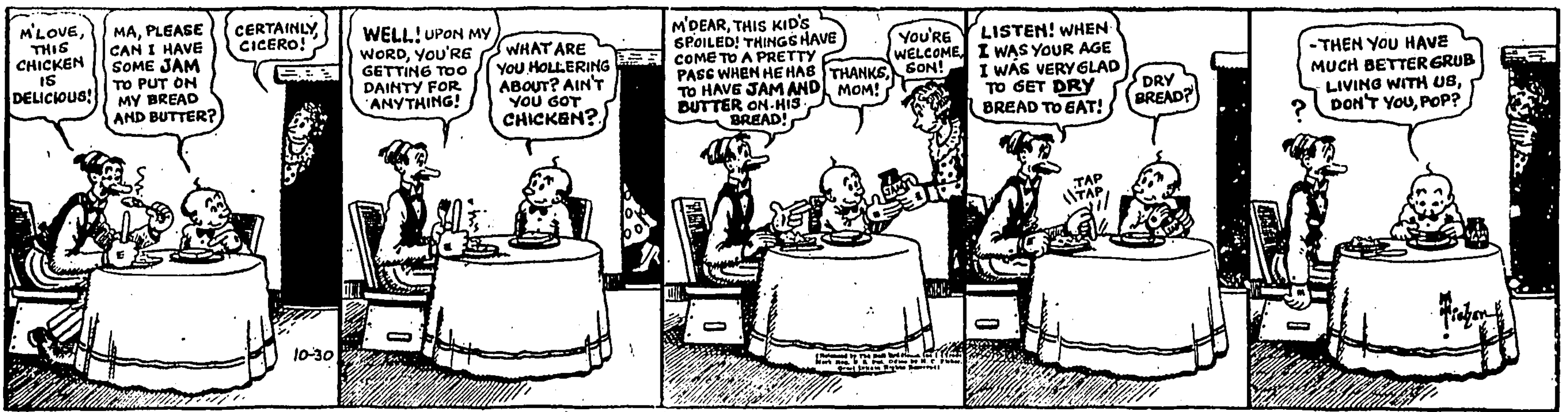
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Programme of Dance "Hits" Of The Moment

5.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—PEGGY WOOD (Soprano) In Songs from Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet".
I'll See You Again; Dear Little Cafe... Peggy Wood & George Metaxa with Orchestra.
Zigeuner... Peggy Wood with Piano.
7.00 p.m.—GERRY MOORE (Piano) and GERALDO and His Orchestra. Gerald's Lightning Hit Switch.
...Gerald and His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Day In—Day Out.
Slow Fox-Trot—Mine Alone.
...Gerry Moore (Piano).
Slow Fox-Trots—If I Didn't Care; The Pretty Little Quaker Girl.
...Gerald and His Orchestra.
Quickstep Medley—I can dream, can't I: One Song; If Dreams come true.
Slow Fox-Trot Medley—Serenade to the Stars; Sweet as a song.
...Gerry Moore (Piano).

To-day's Wireless

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Fox-Trot—You're A Sweet Little Headache (film, 'Paris Honeymoon').
...Gerald and His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—BRAHMS—Double Concerto In A Minor, Op. 102—Jacques Thibaud (Violin), Pablo Casals (Cello) and The Pablo Casals Orchestra, Barcelona, conducted by Alfred Cortot.
8.35 p.m.—Some Brahms' Songs.
Little Sandman; In Silent Night... Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
Nachtgall; Ständchen... Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano.

8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk "East of Vienna".
9.05 p.m.—Piano Solos by Paderewski. Minuet In G Major, Op. 14, No. 1 (Paderewski).
Mazurka In D Major, Op. 33, No. 2 (Chopin).
Mazurka In A Flat Major, Op. 59, No. 2 (Chopin).
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—GERSHWIN—Cuban Overture. Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.
9.44 p.m.—Songs by Bing Crosby. The Funny Old Hills (film 'Paris Honeymoon').

Children's Hour And Songs From "Bitter Sweet"

moon).
I Have Eyes (film 'Paris Honeymoon').
Mexicali Rose (Stone-Tenney).
9.54 p.m.—Short Programme by Eddie Peabody (Instrumentalist).
St. Louis Blues (Handy)... Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo.
Some Of These Days (Brooks)... Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Mando-Cello, Mandoline and Banjo. With Piano.
Just A Crazy Song (Smith and Williams).
This Is The Day Of Days (Dixon & Woods)... Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Guitar, Mandoline and Mando-Cello (With Own Vocal Chorus. With Piano).
10.05 p.m.—Some Dance "Hits" of the Moment.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Back-ground to News".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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BAD DEFENCE

North's raise to two notrump was ridiculously optimistic, for he had little more than a minimum opening bid, especially as a one-notrump takeout is the weakest possible response. However, although East and West were both expert players, they were not at their best for the hand developed in a remarkable manner.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K 10
 ♥ 8 5 4
 ♦ A J 9 2
 ♣ Q 7 3
 ♠ J 7 3
 ♥ Q 10 8 2
 ♦ K Q 6 5
 ♣ 10 4
 ♠ 9 6 5
 ♥ K J 7 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A J 8 6 2
 ♠ Q 8 4 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ 10 8 7 3
 ♣ K 9 5

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

West opened the deuce of hearts. East played the King and South won with the Ace. Having nothing better to do, South led a low diamond and finessed dummy's nine, which, much to his surprise, held the trick (thinking that his partner might hold the diamond ten, West had refused to split his honours).
 Having nothing to lose, Declarer now led a heart from dummy, and when East played low, West was

again on lead with the heart ten. West now fixed things properly. He shifted to the ten of clubs! Declarer naturally covered with dummy's Queen. East won with the Ace, and then the defence cashed the two remaining heart tricks. Now, oddly enough, Declarer had nine tricks since the spades were divided and the King-nine tenace in clubs lay over East's Jack.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ K Q J 6
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ 7 4 3

The bidding:

Maier Schenken You Burnstone
 1♥ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one spade. This hand is strong enough to make a second bid irrespective of what your partner's next bid is. Score 100% for one spade, 80% for two hearts (inadequate), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 277

You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ A K J
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ A K 10 x
 ♣ A Q J 9

The bidding:

You Burnstone Schenken Jacoby
 1NT Pass 4♣ Pass
 4♦ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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FOOTBALL

R. SCOTS DRAW WITH 8TH R.A.

(BY "REFEREE")

Royal Scots, holders of the Junior Shield, were fortunate in facing a draw in the last minutes of the game in the Preliminary Round encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday against 8th R.A. when both sides scored twice in the extra period.

The game was not of a high standard, and there was little combination by either sides.

Both sides adopted wrong tactics during the game. Royal Scots wingers were inclined to hold the ball with the result that McKay their centre forward was often caught off sides.

The Gunners after securing a lead in the second period of extra time and knowing full well that the Royal Scots were out for their equaliser still kept Wong their best player in the attack.

Perdue played a great game for the Gunners. His safe handling and anticipation were features of his play, while Wong at back was a safe defender and when he moved to the attack initiated both the movements which produced goals.

McKay was the pick of the Scots attack and scored both the goals but he did not receive the passes desired.

Fowler and Parnaby (not the senior player) played brilliantly at back and

were very safe in the second period. The Gunners scored first through Owens but McKay equalised. Cross placed the Gunners in the lead again and in the last minutes of the extra period McKay equalised again. The replay will take on Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

The R.A.: — Perdue; Doyle and Wong; Wooldridge, Barnsley and Marsden; Owens, Burgess, Woldrich, Cross and Dunne.

Royal Scots: — Salter; Fowler and Parnaby; Gibb, Fraser and Mitchell; Crawford, Moore, McKay, Williamson and Holmes.

R.A.S.C. Win

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Service Corps defeated "A" Company Middlesex Regiment, by four clear goals after a goalless first half. Martin (2) Young and Glen scored for the Service Corps.

K.F.C. BEAT H.E.'S TEAM

At Government House yesterday, a team from the Kowloon Football Club beat His Excellency the Governor's team by 64 shots to 55.

Dr. Atienza, C. M. Mannors, T. Ferguson, and B. D. Evans (skip) (K.F.C.) beat J. A. Fraser, N. L. Smith, J. Deakin and His Excellency (skip) 21-19.

S. Wong, J. Gibson, R. Hughes, and V. Chittenden (skip) beat W. A. Cornell, S. H. Dodwell, Sir Atholl Macgregor and E. Searle (skip) 18-17. T. White, J. Ross, P. Morgan, and W. Field (skip) beat P. Collin, R. E. Lindsell, A. E. Milne and W. Walker (skip) 25-19.



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"B" DIVISION BADMINTON MATCHES DISAPPOINT

St. Teresa's Lose To King's In Debut Game

St. Andrew's Well Beaten By K. Tong

ALTHOUGH AT LEAST two of the three "B" Division badminton fixtures down for decision last night looked attractive, play in both disappointed.

Much was expected of St. Teresa's, who made their debut last night, but they failed against King's who showed great improvement over their display against St. Andrew's the previous week.

The latter team, which, on paper, should have won with something to spare against Kowloon Tong, proved to be sadly out of touch and were only able to win three games at the expense of Kowloon Tong's third string.

As expected St. John's were never extended by Kowloon Cricket Club and were only given serious opposition by one pair.

ST. ANDREW'S FAIL

There was only one game in which the rallies reached the high standard of which both teams are capable in the match last night between Kowloon Tong and St. Andrew's.

Contrary to expectations Kowloon Tong won comfortably, the visiting players appearing to find great difficulty in accustoming themselves to conditions.

Finest game of the evening, as mentioned above, was that between R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko and E. F. Fincher and H. Kew, which the former pair won after a much more thrilling struggle than the score of 21-13 would suggest.

In this game the St. Andrew's players more nearly approached their form of last season that at any other time during the evening but the speed and determined recovering of Lee and Ko, enabled them to establish their superiority and then go on to win.

Fincher Best Player

Fincher was easily the best St. Andrew's player from a point of view of skill and consistency although at one stage in their first game, for sheer brilliance, the performance of W. Gillies could not have been bettered.

Kew was difficult to recognise as the same player as last season. True he played several of those very effective cross-drops at which he is so adept but towards the end of the evening when obviously tiring rapidly, he was unable to get sufficient power into his clearing shots, especially on the back-hand.

Bertie Guest had a bad evening and was unable to settle down. Early in the proceedings the home players discovered a weakness on his backhand and a barrage of shots on that wing soon wrecked what little confidence was still left to him.

There was little understanding in his partnership with Gillies and it was difficult to believe that this was the pair who had played so well the previous week against King's.

Brown and Bliss both showed up well individually on occasions but they too could not combine and were only able to win one game.

Ko's Clearing Shots

Of the home players Richard Lee was in splendid form, his short game being quite as effective as his smashing. F. S. Ko, his partner, however, contributed greatly to the success of this pairing. His best stroke was an extremely accurate backhand clearing shot into the opposition's backhand corner. This brought numerous points.

Considering it was the first time they have ever played together, Fletcher and Mackay did not do at all badly.

Fletcher's best strokes were his smash and drive while Mackay served very accurately.

Lee Kam-ming gave a promising display in partnership with A. E. H. Castro, his smashing being good. Lack of experience, however, cost this pair three games, they being the only home combination to meet with reverse.

A. E. H. Castro and Lee Kam-ming (Kowloon Tong) lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 8-21 lost to W. Gillies and A. E. P. Guest 6-21 lost to A. S. Bliss and A. E. Brown 14-21 R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong) beat Fincher and Kew 21-13 beat Gillies and Guest 21-14 beat Bliss and Brown 21-10 N. A. E. Mackay and P. B. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong) beat Fincher and Kew 24-22 beat Gillies and Guest 21-7 beat Bliss and Brown 21-10

K.C.C. OUTCLASSED

Splitting up the fine partnership of David and Frank Kwok in order to distribute their strength more evenly, St. John's dropped three games to Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road.

P. Wynter-Blyth, who has appeared in a good class of badminton at Home, played effectively with that experienced player A. L. Fisher, and this pair did very well indeed to win all the games in which they were engaged.

Other two K.C.C. pairs were hopelessly outclassed and never looked like winning a game.

P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher, (K.C.C.) beat F. H. Kwok and R. C. Beavan 23-21 beat D. Kwok and R. Maynard 21-13 beat P. Wilson and N. L. Smith 21-16 A. Kewan and Merritt (K.C.C.) lost to Kwok and Beavan 6-21 lost to Kwok and Maynard 8-21 lost to Wilson and Smith 12-21 E. Curtis and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) lost to Kwok and Beavan 2-21 lost to Kwok and Maynard 5-21 lost to Wilson and Smith 2-21

KING'S SUCCESS

There were occasions when a high standard was set in the match between King's and St. Teresa's.

Most exciting game of the evening saw John Chen and Francis Tsang draw away from K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo after a dinging struggle.

There were long rallies in which the St. Teresa's pair concentrated on the short game in order to nullify the powerful smashing of Lui.

Some idea of the tenseness of the struggle will be appreciated from the score at various stages. It was 9-all, 11-all, 13-all, and the Church pair finally went out at 21-15.

Tsang was at his best in this game. For the remainder of the evening he gave evidence of being sorely in need of practice.

Joe Tsang and Peter Lo, who should have done better than to take only one game, were disconcerted by the deep lobbing of the opposition. Tsang's fine smash was not effective under the circumstances.

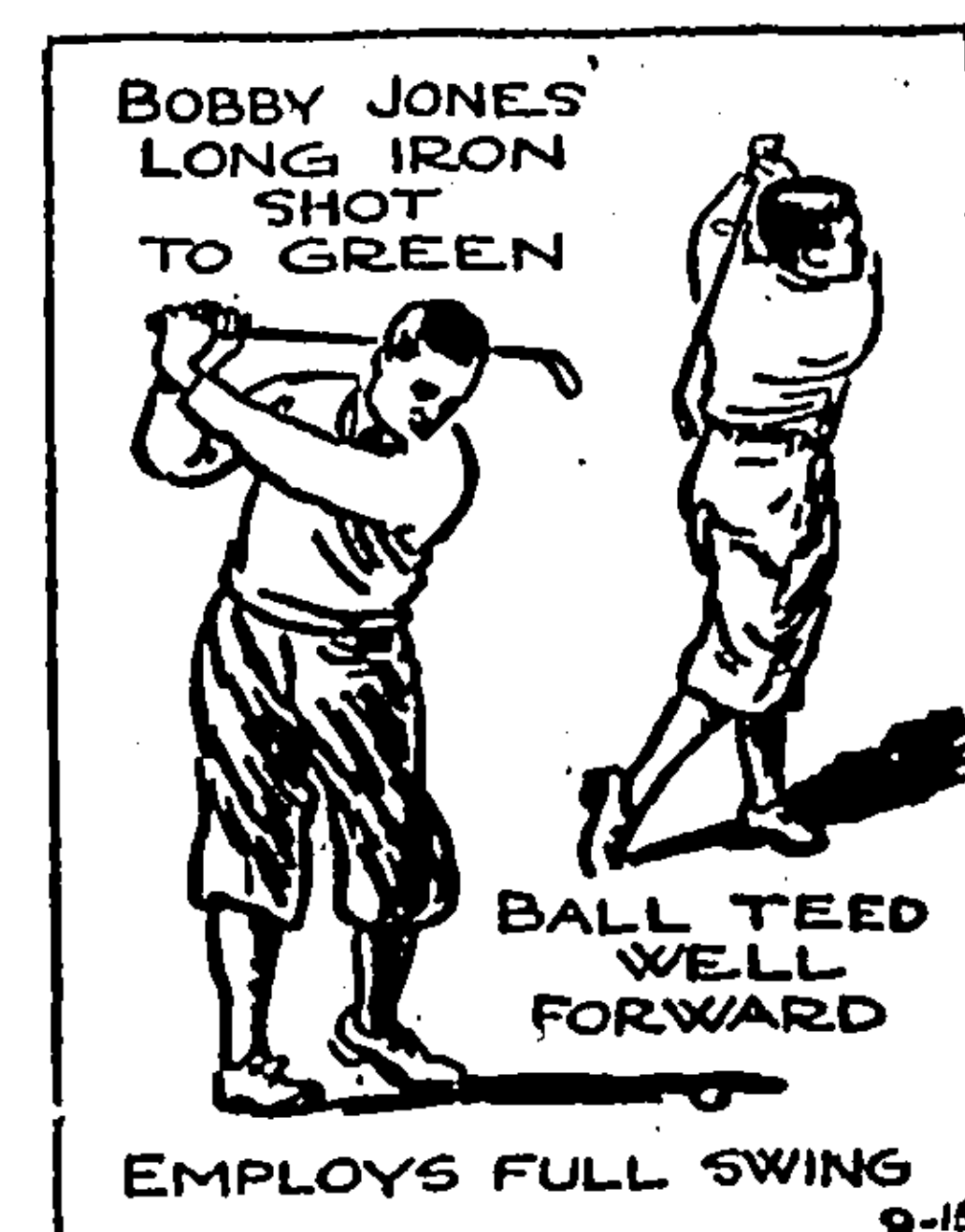
Austin Ho gave a promising display featured by powerful smashing. He was very rough on any attempts at drops which were the slightest bit inaccurate.

Ulrich's service was very poor and many scoring opportunities were lost in consequence.

Ho and Ulrich, with but a little more fortune, might have won two games, it was only understanding that they lacked. They should do better with more practice together.

For King's S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung were easily the best pair and won all three

GRAPHIC GOLF



LONG IRONS

By BEST BALL

Some golfers seem to have a natural penchant for hitting long iron shots; others will go to any length to escape taking a heavy iron out of the bag. They prefer to use the wood, even though the iron is the more logical, more certain club to employ. On the other hand Jerry Travers never had any abiding faith in his wood clubs and preferred his heavy, black driving iron even on the long tee shots. Bobby Jones was an all round expert with all clubs and his iron shots in his heyday, a pattern for any golfer, no matter how good he might be.

As with the long wooden tee shots, Jones used a full swing, keeping the clubhead aligned to the ball at right angles to the line. His grooved swing was so accurate that there was little difference in the flight of a dozen of practice balls hit by the Atlantan.

In the above illustration the ball is forward, well off the left foot to give the ball maximum distance in its arc. For the shorter, more sharply ascending shots the ball is nearer the left foot, on a graduated scale. Professional golfers, nowadays, generally tee the ball for an iron shot to a short hole, and if maximum distance is desired the ball is placed quite far forward. Every shot counts in the money tournaments and the average pro cannot afford to overlook chances of cutting strokes off his score. The teed ball gives a cleaner contact.

Friday—Club Head Velocity Through Swing.

COLONY LADIES' TENNIS

Two matches, in the Ladies' Doubles tennis championship of the Colony were played yesterday at U.S.R.C.

Following were the results:—Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury beat Mrs. F. C. Tracey and Mrs. Webb 8-6, 6-4.

Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu beat the Misses Dodwell and Pritchard 6-0, 6-0.

games. They were shaken up by Ho and Ulrich, however, who led them 8-3, 11-8, 13-9, and 15-11 but thereafter faded out of the picture.

K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo (King's College) beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-12

lost to John Chen and F. Tsang 16-21

beat Austin Ho and A. Ulrich 21-18

K. H. Lo and T. Lum (King's College) lost to Lo and Tsang 7-21

lost to Chen and Tsang 18-21

beat Ho and Ulrich 21-18

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's College) beat Lo and Tsang 21-10

beat Chen and Tsang 21-4

beat Ho and Ulrich 21-4

CLUB "A" LOSE TO ENGINEERS

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Being led 6-5 at the interval, Royal Engineers recovered well to beat a strong Club "A" team by two goals and a try (13 points) to two tries (6 points) in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

Main feature of the game was Thomson's debut at fly-half. He played well in that position, using the short punt ahead to advantage, but he was not seen at his best due to the very indifferent passes he had to take from Bidwell. He is a little light for this key position, and Club would be advised to retain him only at scrum-half.

Godfrey was injured in a loose scrum, but recovered quickly to finish the game in his usual rousing manner. Bidwell had a rough five minutes, and Waite was on his back for a brief period, but none of the three are any the worse for their maulings.

LAVALLE PROBLEM

Lavalle, except for his deadly head-on tackling, is wasted as a centre threequarter, due to his indecision in attack, and it would be better if he were played on the wing. He has speed and a fair pair of hands.

Salter hooked well, and Bidwell did not waste any time getting the ball out, though his service was by no means perfect. The latter had bad luck with an excellent attempt at a dropped goal.

Gratton, a newcomer to the game, gave a promising display. He at least knows how to run straight.

Waite was the livewire in the Engineers' side, and he held his team together in a very creditable manner. Picton will be playing on the Army wing before long and Sheldrake and Pike are coming forwards.

THE SCORING

Picton soon made his presence felt with a fine run which would have taken him over the line, but he was adjudged to have taken a forward pass. Almost immediately after, however, he swerved past two opponents to score a good try which Pike converted. Before half time, however, Needham went over following loose play and Richardson failed to convert. In the second half Thomson gave Club the lead when he cut through and scored after a nice run. Bidwell did not add the goal points and Club led 6-5. Pike sent Engineers ahead when he touched down following a forward rush, and he converted his own effort. Cuthbertson completed the scoring in the closing minutes, Pike failing to kick a goal.

Club "A"—Walkden; Gratton, Lavalle, Day and Richardson; Thomson and Bidwell; Godfrey, Salter, Stoker; Benn, Needham; Burford, Roscoe and Heasman.

Engineers—Otway; Artingstall, Jones, Martin and Picton; Waite and Foley; Apperly, Pike, Esuzan; Brinkley, Davis; Sheldrake, Howarth and Cuthbertson.

C.C.C. TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

1st XI (v. C.S.C.C. (Away))—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulase, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling, J. L. Young Saye and F. R. Zimmermann. Scorer—H. W. Randall; Umpire—G. Ladd.

2nd XI (v. C.S.C.C. (Home))—B. R. Irancee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar and G. Winch. Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

Ireland, who are to meet China in the First Round of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition have, with one or two exceptions, decided on their team and from the talent available should be able to extend the Chinese.

Moore, of the Service Corps, will be the goal-keeper with Sheehan, of the Middlesex, and Lawton, of 5th R.A., as backs.

The intermediate line presents some problem and for the time being will consist of McDonald (Royal Scots), Fare (Service Corps) and Hills (Ordnance). If another forward is found D. Leonard will probably be seen in the defence.

Martin, Jorge, Leonard, O'Regan (Navy) and either F. Jorge or A. Leonard (International) will compose the attack.

SPORTS PARADE

This team should be able to give a good account of themselves but there may be other players who may be found in the next week.

Mr. Goss is the manager of the team.

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In spite of all this excitement among Council members of the Hong Kong Football Association at their last meeting on the increase of the number of

incidents on the football field it is worthy of note that there have been far less cases for this half of the season as compared with the same period last year, which was considered a good year.

A member suggested that referees be asked to be stricter on the field of play and that the backing of the Association be given to all such officials when dealing with delinquents. It must be remembered that such power

might be abused and players may be sent off for trifling incidents.

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The reported demand for increase in payments made to referees at the Annual Meeting was not true. What the Referees' Association wanted was that the rate for First Class referees should be stabilised at \$5 and not on the sliding scale of from \$3 to \$5 per match.

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Beltrao R. Marques, C. Marques and B. Gosano are turning out for Saint Joseph's in their League game against Kwong Wah next Saturday in preparation for the Semi-final Round of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition.

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Helsinki, To-day.

LATEST DATA FROM semi-official quarters confirms that the Soviets have suffered important losses, and shows the almost incredible energy, stamina and foresight with which the Finns have halted the Russian advance.

The superiority of the Finnish artillery and anti-aircraft defence is also remarkable, and the organisation and land fortifications apparently took the Russians unawares.

Eighteen Soviet tanks were disabled by anti-tank guns in a single day.

Press reports report the extensive use by the Finns of Italian Marchetti-Savoia planes.

American bombers and pilots are expected shortly.

So far a total of 80 Soviet tanks have been disabled in the Karelian Isthmus alone, chiefly by landmines.

SOVIET PRISONERS' STORIES

The questioning of Soviet prisoners has revealed that some have been in the army only for three months and that they lack serious military training.

The anniversary of Finnish independence was celebrated throughout the country with pious enthusiasm.—Havas.

SOVIET CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.

A communique has been issued claiming that the Red Army has advanced twenty miles south of Petsamo.

It is also claimed that the Soviet troops have broken the main Finnish defence line along the Vuoksi water system, in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

SECOND FINN RAID ON MURMANSK

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish air force yesterday carried out another swift raid on the Soviet aerodrome near Murmansk.

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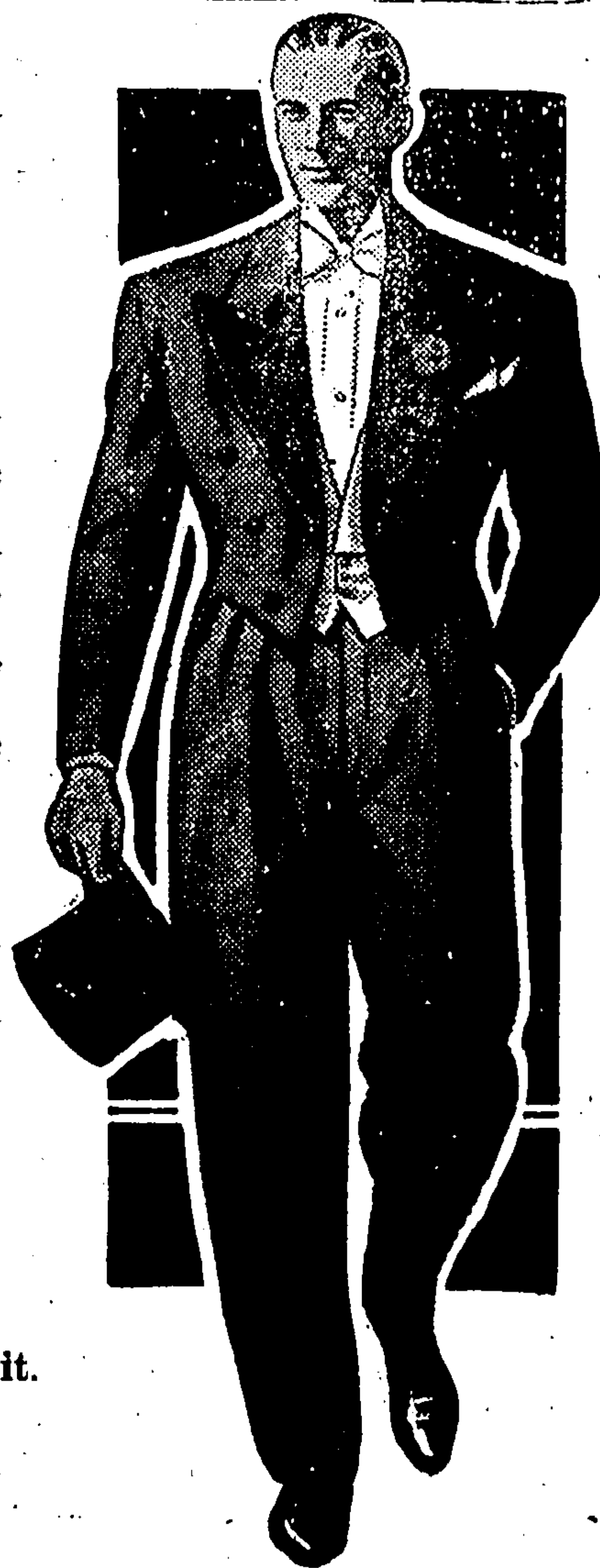
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London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent states that Britain is not much impressed by German reports that British interests will be attacked by Russia in all parts of the world and notably in Asia.

Since Russia is now openly threatening the Balkans it is interesting to learn that Italo-Turkish relations have markedly improved in the past days.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Istanbul correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says official Turkish quarters maintain complete silence on the latest German propaganda stunt, which forecasts Bessarabia and India as Russia's territorial ambitions when the Finnish war is over.

It is believed the Russo-German Pact not only contained a secret understanding for the present Russian expansion in the Baltic, but comprises a preconceived plan of Russian action in the Balkans.

The Russian menace to Bessarabia is held to be very serious, and there is a conviction in Turkey that Germany is continually provoking the Russians to take action in the Balkans as soon as possible, but the menace causes no panic in the Turkish capital.

On the other hand there is an ever-growing Turkish determination to defend the security of that part of the world while sparing no effort to maintain normal friendly relations with Russia and Germany.

It is not believed in Istanbul that Russia will push her ambitions as far as India, but it is emphasised that even this possibility exists and measures must be taken accordingly.—Reuter.

The raid was regarded as highly important by the Finnish Command in the Arctic Zone, because of the persistent reports of increasing concentrations of the Red Army, for a crushing offensive.

There were a large number of planes grounded at Murmansk, waiting until the infantry formations were ready for the attack.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by Japan against Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

Tributes to Mr. Sydney Caine, who has been recalled to England to take charge of the Economic Department of the Colonial Office, and to the Hon. Mr. T.N. Chau, who is retiring from Council, were paid in Legislative Council to-day by H.E. the Governor, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo.

His Excellency said that Mr. Caine's sincerity, humanity and friendliness acted as a charm, and those fortunate to work with him very quickly recognised that his objective outlook, intellectual ability and real knowledge of his subject placed him in the first rank of public servants.

Mr. Lo said he had appreciated with unbounded admiration Mr. Caine's keen intellect, logical mind, firm grasp of the fundamentals and difficulties of every problem, his efficiency and ready acceptance of any sound point raised in argument.

Both paid high tribute to his work for social welfare.

Referring to the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, His Excellency said he had always been inspired by a high and steady sense of his duty towards his fellow men. Mr. Lo said that his loyalty, frankness, co-operation and friendship are very precious to his colleagues and friends.

Three men armed with revolvers entered the first floor of No. 3, St. Francis Street at about 10 a.m. to-day, and ransacked the premises, escaping with a considerable sum of money.

The Police are investigating.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.
Chinese despatches claim that Siutung, on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border, has been recaptured by Chinese guerillas who wiped out the small Japanese garrison.—Our Own Correspondent.

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